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LOCAL SPEAKERS FILL PULPITS IN CHURCHES SUNDAY NIGHT.

LARGE AUDIENCES HEAR

An Active Campaign Begun, Which Indicates Local Option Forces Are Determined to Win.

From the expressions heard Sunday night and the interest taken in the local option campaign now on in Maryville, it looks as if Maryville will vote "dry" on the election day, January 5. Instead of the regular preaching services Sunday night at the Christian, Baptist, First M. E. and M. E. South churches the time was given to talks by local men on the local option issue. Each church service was largely attended.

A representative from The Democrat-Forum was present at each of the churches, and below will be found in part what each of the speakers said.

First Christian Church.

Prof. T. H. Cook of the State Normal school was the first speaker at the First Christian church Sunday night, and spoke on the higher type of citizenship. Prof. Cook said:

"There is no defense to the liquor question, and it is not a debatable question. If all of the church members should do their duty January 5 Maryville would be rid of two such detestable places.

"The Normal school is suffering and the best interests of the city demand that the two saloons be removed. The question should be looked squarely in the face, and it should be the imperative duty of the church people to vote to remove two such institutions from Maryville."

Hon. W. A. Blagg followed Prof. Cook, and said in part:

"The other side is without subject matter, and they have no argument to make. Why don't they dare come here and discuss the question? Because there is only one side to the proposition.

"Don't get too much excited. It's going to win this time, because of the second thought of the best element of Maryville. There is plenty of argument on the local option side. Then why all this noise and furor?"

"The revenue question. If the two saloons here were licensed at \$10

apiece there would be no trouble, but such a high license as \$4,200 apiece on the saloons was put there for the purpose of regulating an evil place. There is no tax on the churches. If the saloons were good places why tax them so high?

"Eighty-four hundred dollars a year is paid into the city treasury by the saloons, subsidizing the voters of the city.

"Who are the tax collectors here to the amount of \$8,650? We say you paid us this much and all over that sum is yours. There is enough revenue over to pay them well. The two saloons here are the two tax collectors and they take it from the class of people that are least able to pay for it.

"But you say how are we going to make up this revenue? It is the duty of every citizen to pay in proportion to their wealth, but we shift the responsibility and have the saloons pay us \$8,400. And where does this \$8,400 come from? From the laboring man that works by the week and from the washwoman. It is given to the drams-shops and they turn it over to the city.

"On tag day \$100 was given to the charity fund to feed the hungry of the city, and to think that where that money came from that hunger has been there.

"The trend of the best citizenship today is demanding that the saloons be removed. Are we going to be behind the times?"

"In talking to an influential business man in Holt county the other day, he told me that there were seven boys that went away to school and didn't come to Maryville on account of the saloons. There are many others that are not coming here on account of the influences.

"Take your hand off your pocket-book. If you vote 'wet' you vote wrong; if you vote 'dry' you certainly vote right."

First Baptist Church.

At the First Baptist church the speakers were Dean G. H. Colbert of the State Normal and Attorney W. G. Sawyers.

Dean Colbert began by saying that if he was to conduct a class in civics at that time instead of giving his views on the liquor question to be voted on the 5th of January, he would first ask, Why do we vote? He then spoke of the various answers he would probably receive. His answer was, "We vote to protect our homes, for the spirit of '76 is not dead yet, regardless of the fact that there is apparent neglect among the voters in regard to the welfare of their families concerning this question. They are ignorant of its real status. How may we best protect our homes? By voting to secure the things for living or the greatest good to all the people. I heard a man say the other day that if the dry vote would stop all drinking in town his vote would be dry. Does the law against murder stop men from committing that crime? Neither do the laws against other crimes stop altogether the commission of those crimes, but they check their commission and make life safer and happier. Then some men have the idea that their personal liberty will be made less by the adoption of local option. This is the wrong view of liberty. Community life can only exist by placing restraint upon certain kinds of action. I may not burn my own house or barn at will, because of the danger to my neighbors. Other men say that if it did not increase my taxes my vote would be dry. This is the selfish reason. A voter may vote to save a few dollars tax and ruin his own boy or his neighbor's boy. I am a taxpayer. If local option carries my taxes will increase about \$5. I believe I am able to pay that extra \$5 if I am able to own the property. How much should a little higher taxation weigh in comparison to the value of the boys and young men of our town—one boy, even, or one girl's home. The saloon is an evil. It is not a necessary evil. No evil is necessary. It is our business to see to it that everything should be done for the highest good of all; the happiness and welfare of every home in this community should be our chief aim, and our town should be made a safe place for all young people to come here for an education. If Maryville fails to vote out the saloon business we should hang out this advertisement:

"For sale—To the man or men who will annually pay the price, the city of Maryville, Mo., will sell the privilege of ruining the future prospects, the future earnings, the future home, the high ambitions, the good name and the manhood of a young man. The price is \$8,650 per year, whether or not one or a number of young men may be secured by the buyers." Whose boy shall be sold? (Continued on page 5.)

HOLD MASS MEETING

FARMERS INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL COURSE INVITED.

COMMITTEE TO GET BUSY

Short Course Costing \$2.50 Planned Where as Many as 25 Students From One Locality Take Part.

A meeting of the Commercial club committee to secure the short course in agriculture met Monday morning and D. R. Eversole was elected chairman of the committee and J. F. Hull secretary. A committee composed of Henry Moore, Burman Wells and J. F. Roelofson was appointed to work up list of students who are interested in this work and who will attend.

It was decided at the meeting that a mass meeting of the farmers be called for Saturday afternoon at the court house at 2 o'clock, and all that are interested are requested to attend.

Secretary Hull was instructed to write to the college authorities of the state agricultural department at Columbia for the purpose of finding out what date Maryville could probably get, and asking if they guarantee 100 with possibly 200 students, that the first or second week in February could be secured.

The expense of the course will be a fee of \$2.50 for each student enrolling, which fee will be used by a local committee for paying the expenses of the teachers to and from Columbia, for their hotel expense necessary in conducting a course. If any funds are left over they are to be in the hands of the local committee for use in organizing a course for the next year.

No course will be offered to less than twenty-five students, and since not all communities that apply can be reached, the preference will be given to those who apply first and furnish the largest number of students for the course.

TAG DAY MONEY.

Does Not Belong to the Women of the Charity Board.

The ladies of the charity board of this city, Mrs. G. A. Nash, Mrs. A. R. Perrin and Mrs. J. S. Shinabargar, wish to state that the money secured Saturday by the various lodges of the city by means of tag day, does not belong to them, and those who wish to report cases of need will please bear this in mind. The women have received many calls for help since Saturday evening, and many inquiries from people wishing to report cases where money at this time could be used to advantage. All such cases should be reported to Mayor Robey, chairman of the tag day board.

Took Baby to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White took their youngest daughter to Kansas City Monday morning to be fitted by specialists of that city with a brace for spinal trouble.

\$480 WAS RAISED

TAG DAY MADE CHRISTMAS CERTAIN FOR THE NEEDY.

A FINE CHRISTMAS TREAT

Chickens, Potatoes, Butter, Bread, Beans and Nuts to Be in Christmas Baskets—Have Money Left.

Tag day Saturday resulted in Maryville raising \$480 for the needy of the city. The tin cups were opened at a meeting of the committee held Sunday afternoon at the Elks club and the money counted.

It was also decided at the meeting that each basket given to the poor will contain a chicken, peck of potatoes, half pound of butter, two loafs of bread, one pound of honey, four pounds of beans and nuts. The committee on preparing baskets will be Dr. H. L. Stinson, Clyde Avitt, J. P. Norris and R. F. Wallace.

A vote of thanks was extended to the ladies for their excellent services rendered in collecting the charity fund.

Another meeting of the committee is to be held Monday in Mayor Robey's office. Any information in regard to needy families should be reported to Mayor Robey.

It is expected that some money will be left over from what is used on Christmas day for the baskets, and this will be used during the winter months for fuel and food for the poor.

PLATTS DEFEAT NORMAL.

Local Team Received Their First Defeat Saturday Night.

The State Normal basket ball five received their first defeat of the season at the hands of the fast Platts Commercial college team at the Normal gymnasium Saturday night. The result of the game was 47 to 15. However, the score does not indicate the game. Although the Normals were outclassed, they fought the game to the finish. For the visitors Dolan and Smith were the stars, while not enough credit can be given to V. Seymour, the Normals' fast guard. His defensive play was magnificent throughout the game. The line-up:

Normal—H. Seymour, right forward; Vandersloot, left forward; Mitchell, center; V. Seymour, Gault, right guard; McGrew, Taylor, left guard.

Platts—Kewley, right forward; Smith, left forward; Dolan, center; Meadows, right guard; Gregg, left guard.

Summary—Field goals, Smith 7, Dolan 3, Kewley 3, Gregg 1, Vandersloot 3, H. Seymour 1. Free throws, H. Seymour 5, Vandersloot 2, Smith 7.

Umpire, Frank Cassidy, St. Joseph high school.

Miss Helen Helpley, Miss Hilda Lahr and Miss Eleanor Smith were valued assistants in Cook's Bazaar Saturday.

DEATH OF MRS. W. S. SWINFORD.

Passed Away at Her Home East of Arkoe Early Monday Morning.

Mrs. William S. Swinford, who has been seriously ill since last March, died at an early hour Monday morning at her home, four miles east of Arkoe. The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Swinford church, near her late home, conducted by Rev. Claude J. Miller of the First Christian church of this city. Interment in Swinford cemetery.

Mrs. Swinford was operated on at St. Francis hospital during the summer months and was a patient there several weeks. Her condition was found to be caused by an incurable malady. She improved some from the operation, but the disease soon began its work again and she patiently bore her sufferings until the end came.

Mrs. Swinford was born in Nodaway county fifty-one years ago. Her maiden name was Mary Ellen Thompson, a pioneer resident of this county. On Thanksgiving day, thirty-five years ago, she was married to William S. Swinford, also a native of this county, both being members of well known families. They went to housekeeping on the farm they had continued to live on ever since. Five children were born to them, four sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Carrie Pasch, died two years ago at her home in North Dakota, leaving a little son, Truman, who is now 4 years old. The little boy made his home with his grandparents, and was the constant companion of his grandmother, who had grieved deeply over the loss of her only daughter. The sons are Dwight Swinford of Arkoe, Arden and Glen of near there, and George Swinford, at home.

Mrs. Swinford was a faithful member of the Christian church. Quiet and unassuming in her ways, one had to know her before they could appreciate the strength and fineness of her character. A good woman has gone to her reward and she will be sadly missed by her husband and sons, to whom she filled to the full her place as wife and mother, and by all who knew her as a friend and neighbor.

WHAT AN OUTSIDE PAPER SAYS

About the Local Option Election to Be Held in Maryville January 5.

The Kansas City Star, in Saturday's issue, had the following about the "dry" campaign in Maryville:

"The campaign for a local option election in Maryville January 5 is to become active in the next three weeks.

Special interest is centered in that election. Maryville is the county seat of Nodaway county. It is now the one "wet" spot in the northwest corner of the state, being near the center of an area covered by thirteen "dry" counties. The only other "wet" town in that section is Trenton, Mo., near the outer edge of the dry area on the east.

Another thing out of which the dries are making capital is the fact that a state normal school is situated in Maryville. They are citing the fact that this normal school, with accommodations for 1,200 students, has only 200. The anti-saloon forces are contending that parents in a large dry section of the state refuse to send their children to a state institution located in the only town in that section that has saloons. The Rev. Albert Bushnell, in charge of the headquarters of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League in this city, is to take part in the campaign next week.

Accompanied Mother John.

Master Gerald Schrader, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Schrader of Barnard, spent Saturday and Sunday in Maryville with his aunts, Misses Mary and Hannah Shea. He went to St. Joseph Monday morning with Rev. Mother John of Clyde, who went to that city on a business trip, and spent the day there.

COURT IN SESSION

SPECIAL TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT WITH ELLISON ON BENCH.

JUDGE PEERY TUESDAY

Three Cases Resulted in Findings for Plaintiffs—Judge Peery to Hear Equity Cases.

A special term of circuit court is being held Monday with Judge W. C. Ellison on the bench, and several motions for new trial and other cases were taken up by the court.

In the perfect title case of John O'Connor vs. James Charles O'Connor et al., a decree was given for the plaintiff.

In the partition suit of Robert E. Snodgrass vs. Sarah Jane Morgan et al., a decree was given for the sale of the land.

In the case of the Bankers Reserve Life company vs. Henry Brunk on a note, it was presented to the court on an agreed statement of facts, and finding was found for the plaintiff.

The case of James Borchers vs. Joseph Brewer, an injunction suit, will be argued Thursday before the court by the attorneys. The case comes from Andrew county.

The case of the state vs. Heg Maines will be brought up late this afternoon. Ned Holmes will also be arraigned at this time on a charge of stealing the pocketbook at the Wash depot from Miss Mary L. Meeker.

Court will be in session Tuesday, when J. Woodson Peery of Albany will sit as special judge in several cases. The cases to come up before Judge Peery will be W. H. Riffle vs. Mary K. Riffle, to set aside a deed; Elizabeth Growney vs. Patrick J. O'Donnell et al., to set aside a deed, and the state vs. Mollie Lewis.

Thursday Judge Ellison will hold court and several motions will be disposed of.

CONCERT TUESDAY NIGHT.

Normal Quartet to Give Their Benefit at the First M. E. Church.

Miss Marie Jones, who will assist the State Normal quartet in its benefit concert Tuesday night at the First M. E. church, arrived in Maryville Sunday morning. She has been on a concert tour for several months with the Jane Wraite Concert company of Chicago. She has had a very successful tour and is in splendid health and voice. She did not miss a concert, although this is her first experience in that trying work.

Miss Jones will give several solo numbers while the quartet will present a delightful and varied program of quartet music.

GIFTS—Sterling silver and ebony goods. See them at CRANE'S.

The Weather

Unsettled weather with snow to night or Tuesday.

100

Students in the

Maryville Business College Before Xmas
200 Coming, Jan. 2

Yes, indeed; your photos will be ready for Christmas. All sittings made before Friday will be finished on time.

Remarkable? Not when you consider the advancement of modern photography, our splendid equipment and our system of handling orders.

Just as good as usual? Of course; otherwise they would not have a name on them.

All frame orders promptly and properly filled.

F. R. MARCELL, The Photographer

MARCELL'S Advertisement



Christmas Thoughts

Cluster Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Seeded Raisins, Clean Currants, Walnut Meats, Pecan Meats, Almond Meats, Pistachio Meats. All kinds of nuts in shell. Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake.

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AT

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7:30 p. m.

W. B. FINN

Open Evenings
Till Christmas

Santa Claus
Headquarters

HOTCHKIN'S VARIETY STORE
106 South Main St.
Maryville, Mo.

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Eyes Tested Free

Glasses Accurately Fitted by expert Optician. Repairs Promptly Executed at CRANE'S.

TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING

At the Court House
Circuit Court Room

Tonight at 7:30

SPEAKERS:

L. Corey Cook
Sam T. Gillam
and others.

Good Music in charge of Prof. H. J. Becker

ALL INVITED

—BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL—

We offer you the most desirable line to choose your presents from. Our carefully selected display of Holiday attractions will impress you with its worth, beauty and reasonable prices

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A Special Feature of our Stock is the Opportunity for Selection. In all grades we are showing the newest and Best of the Season. Our attractions insure the greatest pleasure in buying—the most joy in receiving

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A Complete Line of Leather Shopping Bags, Eastman Kodaks and Supplies, Post Card Albums, Christmas Post Cards and Novelties

We offer you the happy combination of a Superior Stock, a large assortment and the Fairest Prices. Every article shown is the best of its class—Every class represented is varied and complete.

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MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

ORIGIN OF "BROTHER JONATHAN"

It Goes Back to the Revolutionary War to a Colonial Governor.

The origin of this term as applied to the United States is as follows: When General Washington, after being appointed commander of the army of the revolutionary war, went to Massachusetts to organize it he found a great want of ammunition and other means of defense; and on one occasion it seemed that no means could be devised for the necessary safety.

Jonathan Trumbull, the elder, was the governor of the state of Connecticut; and the general, placing the greatest reliance on his excellency's judgment, remarked: "We must consult Brother Jonathan on the subject." The general did so, and the governor was successful in supplying many of the wants of the army; thenceforward, when difficulties arose, and the army was spread over the country it became a by-phrase, "We must consult Brother Jonathan;" and the name has now become a designation for the whole country, as John Bull has for England. —C. C. Bombaugh, Gleanings for the Curious.

HELPFUL WORDS

From a Maryville Citizen.

If your back lame and painful? Does it ache especially after exertion?

Is there a soreness in the kidney region?

These symptoms indicate weak kidneys.

There is danger in delay. Weak kidneys fast get weaker.

Give your trouble prompt attention. Doan's Kidney Pills act quickly.

They strengthen weak kidneys. Read this Maryville testimony:

Mrs. M. Lahr, 212 West Fifth street, Maryville, Mo., says: "I cannot say too much in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills. This excellent remedy promptly relieved me of backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble. During the several years that have since passed I have had no return attack of my complaint. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a specific for kidney disease."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

GIFTS—Necklaces and lockets. See them at CRANE'S.

A LAND OF FAIR WOMEN.

Province of Georgia Noted For Its Beauties—Repose is the Great Secret.

For seven hundred years the memory of one queen has remained beautiful, lovable, fresh in the mind of her subjects and their descendants. For seven hundred years the women of one country have had only one woman for a model, a guide, and an example, and for seven hundred years these women have made and retained a reputation for beauty, trustworthiness and virtue.

To have swayed the women of a nation for only a few years is wonderful, to have left behind a reputation absolutely unsullied and beautiful, after having reigned as queen, is still more wonderful, but to have molded the lives of hundreds of women and made them more beautiful is to have performed a task that few on earth can accomplish.

The influence of Queen Tamara of Georgia has lasted for seven hundred years. Perhaps you have never even heard of Georgia, but if you have heard of it, you have also heard of the beautiful women of Georgia, for its chief claim to fame is its women, who are noted for their comeliness.

At present Georgia is a Russian province, but its history is a tempestuous one. Its history since the third century is known. Pharnovoz ruled as the first king. In 1089 David II was the ruler, and it was with his reign that the glory of power and fame came to the little kingdom. David claimed to be descended direct from David the Psalmist, and the royal coat of arms of Georgia contained a harp and a sling. Following the rule of David II came one hundred years of prosperity.

In 1184 Queen Tamara was made queen. She succeeded her father. Her reign lasted for twenty-eight years and these years were the happiest and most glorious of the country. She was surrounded by wise counselors and brave generals. Her own virtues made her able to rule well and wisely and she did not forget her home, even when she ruled. She was a diplomat and had little talents of no mean order. She was a beautiful type of womanhood that one might expect to find in western Europe, but hardly in a little country standing among the wild hordes of Asia.

Writers have called Georgia the "land of wine, women and song," for its fame rests upon its beautiful women. Even today, although little is

known about Georgia, the women are still as beautiful as in the golden age.

They remember the wise teachings of Queen Tamara. They are strong, erect and dignified. They have fine eyes, which express trust and understanding. They are thinkers and home makers. They are fair to look upon and lovable. An old proverb says "The Armenian's soul is in his head, but the Georgian's is in his eyes."

Georgia, "Trans-Caucasia," is today a good place for a holiday. One almost forgets that one must have a passport, for one is seldom if ever put to the inconvenience of producing it.

The beautiful Tamara was the inspiration and theme of many of the works of the poet Rostavelli, in which he sang of her grace and beauty. This was particularly true of his greatest work, "The Leopard's Skin," which became the national epic. Everyone read it and learned by heart its most beautiful passages. Its proverbs, its quaint, wise sayings have been current among the people of Georgia from that time to this day. The influence of many of Rostavelli's teachings was most apparent in its effect on the women of the country. He advanced the idea that women should have equal right and privileges with men, and in an age when women in general had no legal property or social rights it is astonishing to read of the privileges enjoyed by the Georgian women in all ranks of life.

The peasant women were not allowed to work in the fields or to perform heavy tasks suitable only to the strength of men.

The modern traveler in the Caucasus is constantly struck by the universal refinement, beauty and aristocratic bearing of the Georgian women everywhere. They seem to retain the imprint of the past glory of the country. Particularly is this true of women of middle age, who are most remarkable for their grace and youthful appearance.

It is well known that they employ neither paint nor powder nor face massage, and one instinctively feels that it must be the influence of the spirit within that produces the clear complexion, the regularity of features, the noble repose of countenance to be observed among even the peasant women of today.

It is certain that nowhere on earth does the traveler find women who live such well regulated lives—whose courage, fortitude and poise are such that they carry on all the business of life without the stress and nervous strain that render the lives of most modern

women such a burden. Is it any wonder that the name of Tamara is cherished like that of a patron saint among these people?

So greatly was she appreciated for her rare qualities of mind and heart, her piety, her intellect, her heroic deeds, and her labors for the public good, that she was given the masculine title of Emperor Tamar as a mark of especial esteem.

The old chronicles contain many stories of this famous queen of the middle ages. But upon nothing do they dwell so repeatedly as upon her great beauty.—Chicago Tribune.

GRANDMOTHERS' SECRET.

Look Young by Preserving the Color of the Hair With Sage and Sulphur.

It is easier to preserve the color of the hair than to restore it, although it is possible to do both. Our grandmothers understood the secret. They made a "sage tea," and their dark, glossy hair long after middle life was due to this fact. Our mothers have gray hairs before they are 50, but they are beginning to appreciate the wisdom of our grandmothers in using "sage tea" for their hair and are fast following suit.

The present generation has the advantage of the past in that it can get a ready-to-use preparation called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy. As a scalp tonic and color restorer this preparation is vastly superior to the ordinary "sage tea" made by our grandmothers.

This remedy is sold under guarantee that the money will be refunded if it fails to do exactly as represented.

If your hair is losing color or coming out, start using Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur today, and see what a change it will make in a few days' time.

This preparation is offered to the public at fifty cents a bottle, and is recommended and sold by all druggists. Special agents, Koch Pharmacy.

GIFTS—Silk umbrellas, \$2.50 to \$15.00. See them at CRANE'S.

"Yellow" Holmes Arrested. "Yellow" Holmes was arrested Saturday night by Sheriff Tilson and will be held in jail for several days. It is said that Holmes had a gun with him on this night, but Sheriff Tilson was unable to find it.

GIFTS—Pictures for everybody. See them at CRANE'S.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

To Be Held in the Court House and Local Option Question Discussed.

A public meeting is to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the circuit court room and everybody is invited. Speeches will be made by S. G. Gillam and L. C. Cook and others. They will talk on the temperance question. Special music for the meeting will be given under the direction of Prof. H. J. Becker.

GIRLS TO LEARN TO SHOOT.

Young Women in a Chicago Suburb Prepare to Protect Themselves.

Alarmed by the spread of crime in Tracy during the past few weeks, several young women in the Chicago suburb have joined the Tracy Protective association and have made arrangements to have a shooting gallery started in the gymnasium of Ridge hall so that they can use the revolvers which they will carry as members of the protective association.

Misses Mildred J. Lyon, Betty Hill and Lucile Braddock are the new women members of the organization. Miss Jean Mowat and Dr. Agnes V. Fuller joined the association when it was started.

More women are expected to join the protective association as the result of an announcement made by Frank M. Fairfield, the president, that it would not be necessary for the women to carry revolvers. Some of the women, who said that they would rather be robbed than carry a "horrid, nasty revolver," are now arming themselves with potato mashers, butcher knives and an array of other feminine weapons, designed to strike terror into the stoutest burglar.—Chicago Record-Herald.

GIFTS—Rings in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

Work Commenced on Ninth Street. Workmen commenced Monday morning grading Ninth street, which is to be opened to the Normal grounds. The work was started by the Wabash.

Mayor Robey also contracted for a sidewalk to be built on Dunn street, which is to be paid by the Wabash.

More girls in Alabama are employed in gainful occupations than in any other state in this country.

GIFTS—Fobs and chains for gents and ladies. See them at CRANE'S.

Today's Markets

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
Cattle—32,000. Market 10c lower. Estimate tomorrow, 6,000.
Hogs—58,000. Market 15c lower; top, \$6.25. Estimate tomorrow, 28,000.
Sheep—40,000. Market 10c lower.
KANSAS CITY.
Cattle—7,500. Market 10c lower.
Hogs—12,000. Market 10c lower; top, \$6.15.
Sheep—8,000. Market 10c lower.
ST. JOSEPH.
Cattle—12,000. Market higher.
Hogs—5,000. Market 5c lower; top, \$6.20.
Sheep—1,000. Market 10c lower.

AWAY GOES CATARRH AND BAD COLDS

Ely's Cream Balm Cures Sore Nose and Throat, Catarrhal Head-aches and Colds.

No matter how bad your catarrh, how much your head aches, or how miserable you are with a cold in the head, nostrils stopped up, hawking, spitting, bad breath, you always get immediate relief by using Ely's Cream Balm.

Don't let your entire system be poisoned by the deadly catarrh germ which, sooner or later, causes complete decay of bone and tissue. The continual dropping of the germ infected discharge down the throat leads to catarrh of the stomach and bowels.

Get a 50-cent bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist today, and you will get relief a few minutes after using it. Your headache and cold will vanish, and in a short time you will be completely rid of catarrh. Where a spray is needed, ask for Ely's (Liquid) Cream Balm. Give it to the children for colds and croup. It is perfectly harmless.

GIFTS—Calendars and Xmas post cards. See them at CRANE'S.

The best potatoes grown in America are produced in Colorado. They sell at 5 cents apiece.

GIFTS—Brooches and bracelets. Big line. See them at CRANE'S.

VETERANS NOW RULE IN CUBA

Suspend Civil Service Law to Get Rid of "Offensive Partisans."

BAR ALL BUT PATRIOTIC CUBANS

Should Gomez Oppose New Law, "Reconcentration" May Again Fill Havana With Armed Men From All Over the Island.

Havana, Dec. 18.—While the movement of the revolutionary veterans for the exclusion from public office of all men formerly hostile to the cause of "free Cuba" has not let up, the agitation seems now to present a less dangerous aspect. The veterans, numerous and well organized, and having behind them strong public sympathy, have been able to bring the government to a compliance with all their demands.

The belief is expressed here that had their demands not been acceded to the veterans were in a position to make a demonstration of such force that the government would have had to give heed. It is believed the army would have stood by the veterans, and that doubtless influenced President Gomez in moderating his opposition.

One result of these conditions has been the adoption by congress of a bill suspending the action of the civil service law for six months. It will permit the president to weed out all office holders obnoxious to the veterans. While the leaders of the veterans are willing to trust President Gomez to purge the civil service of all enemies of "free Cuba," the mass of their followers are now insisting on the adoption of a law making forever ineligible to public office any except Cubans of approved patriotism.

The proposal is meeting with opposition on the ground that it is unconstitutional and undemocratic, and calculated to exclude from the service of the country citizens who have been guilty of no other offense than of formerly holding political opinions hostile to the separation of Cuba from Spain.

But the veterans are not disposed to abate their demands. Indications are that congress and President Gomez will yield to them. But should that not be the case, the veterans are believed to be planning what they term a "reconcentration," or gathering of veterans in Havana from all parts of the islands.

That would mean the presence in the city of a large body of men, many bearing arms, and it doubtless would constitute a menace to public order. However, the leaders of the veterans will not bring about this "reconcentration," except as a last resort.

So far the veterans' movement has been conducted in a most orderly manner, except in some country districts, where local officials have been compelled to resign and where a few personal encounters have taken place, or a few threats of lynching made.

Stock Yards Charges Too High.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 18.—At a meeting of live stock shippers and breeders of this vicinity, held in the court house, resolutions proposing drastic action toward the National Live Stock exchange, East St. Louis, Ill., in event the live stock commission charges are raised, were adopted. The charges in the East St. Louis yards are higher than on any other market in the country and shippers declared that an increase would be extortionate.

No Special Session.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 18.—Gov. Marion E. Hay has declined to call a special session of the legislature for the enactment of a presidential preference primary bill.

STOPPED WORK ON NEW HOTEL

Dispute Between Builder and Operator Delay Completion of Elms at Excelsior Springs.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 18.—Work on the Elms hotel has been stopped and when it will be resumed is a matter of conjecture, as the contractor, Godfrey Swenson, has not been paid money due, and will not do any more work until his account is settled. The last certificate of \$18,000 was turned down a week ago, but Mr. Swenson continued the work in the hope of a settlement and also to finish the fifth floor of the main wing, thus protecting the work done on the floors below. The east wing of the big building already is under roof and only one floor of the main wing remains. It was hoped to finish the east wing by the end of next week.

"We are ready to resume work at any time when our certificates are honored," was Mr. Swenson's only comment.

The trouble arose between the builders of the hotel, J. H. White and I. G. Ringolsky, and the prospective operators, Willis Wood and John Emke. The disagreement started over payment of the commission on \$150,000 to be borrowed from the Mississippi Valley Trust company.

GIFTS—Clocks, \$1.00 to \$30.00. See them at CRANE'S.



You can have all these great artists sing for you in your own home

The world's greatest singers to provide an evening of music for yourself and friends—whenever you wish, as often as you wish.

A performance such as is never even witnessed in the world's greatest opera houses—no management could afford to pay the thousands and thousands of dollars necessary to engage all these artists for a single performance, even if such a thing was possible.

And yet you can command their services on the Victor and have them sing their greatest arias—and enjoy their voices just as much as though you heard them in person.

Come in and hear these famous singers, and let us show you the different styles of the Victor (\$10 to \$100) and the Victor-Victrola (\$15 to \$250).

FIELD-LIPPMAN

JESSE FRENCH PIANO CO.
120 West Third Street



OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.

Maryville Lodge, No. 165, A. F. and A. M., Selects Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Election of officers was held Saturday night by Maryville lodge, No. 165, A. F. and A. M. The following were chosen:

Eldon W. Irvin, W. M.
James F. Cook, S. W.
J. E. Bailey, J. W.
Fred W. Smith, secretary.

George B. Baker, treasurer.
After the election a banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

GIFTS—Diamonds, \$10 to \$200. See them at CRANE'S.

Some of the plaster on the ceiling of the first floor of the court house fell Monday morning.

GIFTS—Toilet sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00. See them at CRANE'S.

For "His" Xmas

Men like things they can wear—that are in good taste—and that come from a man's store. Our efforts this year are rewarded by the best array of gift goods we've ever bought, including a handsome line of

SILK HOSIERY
NECKWEAR
SUSPENDERS
MUFFLERS, ETC.

These are merely a few suggestions. You'll find many more—but we suggest an early call while stocks are large.

M. Nusbaum

Beautiful Flowers

There is nothing more appropriate and nothing more beautiful to demonstrate the right feeling at Xmas time than beautiful flowers. A few appropriate flowers or a nice plant which we will deliver for you safely and promptly with your card will show a true regard for your friends and acquaintances. With the largest and choicest selection of cut flowers, plants, wreaths, etc., in many appropriate arrangements, also holly, mistletoe, trees, etc., that we have ever had. We expect to be able to take care of all orders, large or small, and all will receive the same careful attention. Make personal selection or write or phone us your wants.

ENGELMANN GREENHOUSES
1201 South Main Street.
Hanamo 17 1-3, Bell 126.

Supply Your Christmas Gift List at a Small Expenditure at COOK'S BAZAAR

Burnt Wood
Stationery in Christmas
Boxes
Dolls
Fancy Neckwear
Hand Bags
Handkerchiefs

Jewelry
Christmas Cards and Seals
Fancy Queensware
Post Card Albums
Go Carts
Hobby Horses
Gloves

and many other items excellent for gifts at a very small cost.

Special on Christmas Candy

3 lb. Fine Mixed Candy 25c
20 Sticks of Candy 5c

112 WEST THIRD STREET

LADIES' MILITARY BAND

will sell home made candy at the Field-Lippman Store.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20. Music by Miss Nash's Juvenile Orchestra.

Christmas Candies, Fruits and Nuts At MARK'S, South Side Square FINE BOX CANDIES, CHOCOLATES, CREAMS & Fancy Candies

GIFTS—Hand-painted china plates, 75c and \$1.20. See them at CRANE'S.

GIFTS—Complete stock of kodaks. See them at CRANE'S.

W. C. Frank went to Kansas City Saturday morning on business.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

GIFTS—Sterling silver tableware. Low prices at CRANE'S.

WM. EVERHART.

An Appropriate Gift

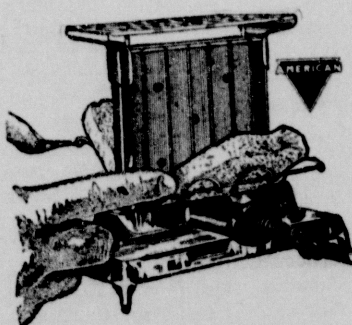
An appropriate and acceptable gift for a mother, wife, sister or particular lady friend is a dainty packet of engraved or printed visiting cards, or a box of correspondence cards.

Just the proper things for gifts. Give us your order and be assured we will carefully and promptly fill it in the correct style.

The Democrat-Forum

Do You Like Toast Hot?

If so, toast your bread on your table with an **Electric Toaster**. Makes perfect toast, quick and convenient.



Price \$3.50

An ideal Christmas present. We also have electric stoves, chafing dishes, irons, warming pads, etc. Ask us.

**Maryville Electric
Light & Power
Company**

Hanamo 21 1-2 Empire Theatre Bld'g Bell 35 1-2

THE UMBRELLA DANCE.
Ln Madame Sherry, at Empire Theater, Wednesday Evening, Dec. 20.

AWAY GOES CATARRH.

Breathe Soothing, Healing Hyomei—Relief in Five Minutes.

Where there's catarrh there's thousands of catarrh germs. You can't get rid of catarrh unless you kill these germs.

You can't kill these germs with stomach medicine or sprays or douches, because you can't get where they are.

You can kill these germs with Hyomei, a penetrating antiseptic air that you breathe a few times a day directly over the raw, sore, germ infested membrane.

For catarrh, asthma, croup, coughs, cold and catarrhal deafness Hyomei is sold on money back plan by the Oscar-Henry Drug Co. Complete outfit \$1.00. Extra bottles of Hyomei, if afterward needed, only 50 cents. Remember, Hyomei does not contain morphine, cocaine or any drug that could possibly do harm.

Facing a Famine.

An untimely biting frost effectually completed the mischief done earlier by the insect enemies of Mr. Barden's potatoes. The tops of the plants, which had served as pasturage for the pests, were entirely destroyed, and with them Mr. Barden's hopes of a crop.

He was not selfish, however, and

could think of others in the hour of adversity. Going to town in the afternoon he was accosted at the postoffice by James Haych, an intimate acquaintance.

"Hello, Giles! How's everything up to the corners?"

"Trouble enough, Jim, trouble enough!" was the gloomy response. "Ten million 'tater bugs, and nothing for 'em to eat!"—Youth's Companion.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The township tax books are now in my hands for collection, and I will be found at Captain Hyslop's office, first door west of the Ream hotel. Taxes are now due and payable.

HENRY WESTFALL,
Township Collector.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

"115 West Ninety-fifth Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All kinds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an infant in his intellect, as compared

with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—He will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.—New York Sun.

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

POULTRY SHOW WILL PROBABLY LAST A WEEK.

SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS

An Additional List of Those Winning Special Prizes at Show Completed Saturday.

The poultry show came to a close Saturday evening, this year's show being the best one yet given by the association. A meeting of the association members was to be held Saturday afternoon, but on account of the large attendance of the show on that day it will be held at a later date.

Plans will be made to have next year's show longer, probably a week. John Gross won the state association ribbon in the Mediterranean class for the best cockerel.

Other special prizes given by the merchants of the city were announced late Saturday afternoon and were won by the following:

For the largest display of birds by lady, Mrs. C. C. Smith won the lady's handbag offered by Charles Love.

For the second largest display of birds, Mrs. Heaton won the lady's pair of shoes given by J. M. Smith.

For the third largest display of birds by lady, Mrs. A. A. Wiley won the lady's hat given by McCrary & McCrary.

For the fourth largest display of birds by lady, Mrs. J. H. Saylor won the set of cups given by Hotchkiss' variety store.

To the person exhibiting the largest number of birds scoring 90 points or better, J. D. Jones won \$5 worth of trade merchandise offered by Alderman Dry Goods company.

To the person exhibiting the second largest number, O. A. Bennett won the offer of H. T. Crane for one picture.

To the person exhibiting the third largest number, D. C. Moler of Bedford won the 100 pounds of chop feed given by Childress & Son.

For the largest display of birds by gentleman, J. W. Shroyer won the hat given by Corwin & Murrin.

For the second largest display, F. P. Robinson won the hat given by the Toggery shop.

For the third largest display, F. W. Olney won the rawhide whip given by Wadley Bros.

For the highest scoring birds, J. D. Jones won the one dozen pictures from F. R. Marcell.

For the heaviest weight chicken, Mrs. Heaton won the one pair of shoes given by the Bee Hive.

For the best pen of S. C. R. I. Reds, Virgil Rathbun won the pair of gloves given by the Anderson Clothing company.

For exhibiting the best pen of Black Langshans, Mrs. Heaton won the velvet hat given by Mrs. Cora Trullinger.

For exhibiting the largest pair of turkeys, Mrs. C. E. Groves of Skidmore won the center table given by the Maryville Furniture company.

For exhibiting the largest pair of ducks, Mrs. James Hook won the picture given by Price & McNeal.

For the largest number of varieties exhibited by one person, F. W. Olney won the set of ice cream spoons given by Raines Bros.

For the largest number, Mrs. James Hook won the nickel plated coffee pot given by Hudson & Welch.

For exhibiting the largest number by any boy under 15 years, Goff Crawford won the football given by M. A. Turner.

For exhibiting the largest number of bantams, James B. Robinson, Jr., won the three pounds of candy given by F. P. Reuillard.

For exhibiting the highest scoring bantam, James B. Robinson, Jr., won the 2-pound box of candy given by Seltzer & Neal.

For the best bird in the American class, Mrs. J. H. Saylor won \$2, given by Field-Lippman.

For best bird in the Mediterranean class, J. D. Jones won the pair of blankets given by D. R. Eversole & Son.

For best R. I. Reds in show, Virgil Rathbun won the sweater given by M. Nusbbaum.

For the best Barred Rock, R. F. Wallace won the package of Pratt's poultry food given by Wm. Everhart.

For the best Orpington, E. L. Andrews won the fancy dish given by Cook's bazaar.

For best Wyandotte, Miss Emma Jensen won the package of poultry feed given by Koch's pharmacy.

For best Plymouth Rock, D. C. Moler of Bedford won one package of poultry food given by T. J. Parle.

For the best male, female and pen of R. C. W. Leghorns, Joe Kemp won setting of R. C. W. Leghorn eggs given by John S. Gross.

GIFTS—Cut glass in great variety. See them at **CRANE'S**.

Oh My! How we do Hate to Leave

Any of Those Beautiful Christmas Presents Swell--Nifty--Gorgeous--So Practical--So Reasonable

But we can only buy what we can afford, and must leave the balance of these sensible and pretty gifts for others.

Gee! Don't I Wish "Pa" or "Hubby Dear" owned a National Bank

Such was the comments of the majority of the Lady Christmas Shoppers when making their selections from

BERNEY HARRIS

Maryville's Leading Clothier

Notwithstanding last week's liberal Holiday purchasing—the assortment of "useful and exceptionally nice" presents is still large.

Those who have not already purchased are invited to make their selections from any of the following sensible gifts

Swell Lounging Robes

Bath Robe

Smoking Jacket

Box Holeproof Sox

Black Fur Cap

John B. Stetson Hat

Silk Reefer Muffler

Worsted Knit Mufflers

Combination Set Hose and Tie

Silk Four-in-hand

Silk Suspenders

Ferguson McKinney Shirt

Black, Gray or Tan Kid Gloves

Fur Lined Mocha Gloves, or Wool Lined Fur Gauntlets

Black Martin or Bearskin Mittens

Electric Seal Fur Lined Gloves

Coat Watch Fobs

Combination Scarf Pin and Retainer

Combination Cuff Button and Pins

"Alligator" English Gladstone, or

Black Walrus Traveling Bag

Berney Harris

Maryville's Leading Clothier

TORNADO WRECKS JAP WAR SHIP

Crew of Vessel Sing National Anthem as Their Boat Takes Them Under.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 16.—Going to death singing the national anthem and shouting "banzais" for their emperor, 95 of the crew of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Harusamo were down with the war vessel November 24, according to advices brought by the steamer Panama Maru.

Stories of the 15 survivors, as officially communicated to the admiralty by the commander of the destroyer Isouami are dramatic.

The Harusamo, which was caught in a hurricane in the inland sea, started for Wakanoura in distress, the vessel swinging with force in the tremendous sea.

The commander sought to make Matoya Island. The destroyer was unmanageable, however, and an hour later dashed on a reef.

The Harusamo slowly foundered. When the end was near the crew gathered at the bridge and continued singing the national anthem and shouting banzais until the seas swept them away.

Returns Slow in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 16.—Though the election for Arizona's first set of state officials, two United States senators and one representative, was held last Tuesday, only five of the 14 counties had been heard from at Democratic and Republican state headquarters here. Leaders said they had no hope of getting the complete vote before another week. The Republican campaign managers concede the election of the Democratic ticket, but dispute the size of the majorities claimed by Chairman Birdno.

The noblemen in Europe who have American wives number about 500.

News of Society and Womens' Clubs

Mrs. Roseberry Hostess.

The Tourists of the Twentieth Century club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. B. Roseberry. Mrs. G. H. Colbert will lead the study.

Young Ladies' Mission Circle.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the First Christian church was entertained Saturday afternoon by Miss Nellie Douglass at her home, on East First street. Mrs. Frank Garrett was the leader of the afternoon's study on the country of Jamaica. Mrs. Charles Bell read a paper concerning the country, Miss Bessie Curnutt read of its people, and Miss Lois Halley told of the C. W. B. M. in Jamaica. A letter was read to the society from Mrs. H. A. Denton, the wife of a former pastor of the Christian church, now living in Troy, N. Y. Mrs. Denton was the organizer of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle, and her letters to them at stated periods are always highly interesting and entertaining. Miss Litta Roelofson sang a solo at the close of the program. A short business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. J. S. Shimalargar, when three new members were taken in—Miss Fannie Hope, Miss Maud Hagins and Mrs. Ellis G. Cook. A social hour followed and the hostess served refreshments.

Gave Shower for Bride-to-Be.

A company of the girl friends of Miss Neola Thummell of Parnell, who

has been attending the Conservatory of Music, gave her a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Edward T. Godsey Saturday afternoon in recognition of her approaching marriage to Mr. Frank Reavis of the Bee Hive shoe store of this city, which will occur Sunday, December 24. Miss Thummell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thummell of Parnell and is quite popular in Maryville, where she has been a student for two years. Mrs. Godsey was assisted in entertaining and serving her guests by Miss Verda Miller, Miss Lucy Griffin, Miss Ola Smith and Miss Ellen Rowlette. The other guests were Misses Mary and Grace O'Brien, Miss Mary McCall, Miss Charlotte Murrin, Miss Goldie Adcock, Miss Lillian O'Brien, Misses Verda, Frances and Mabel Miller, Miss Lucy Griffith, Miss Jessie Mingus, Miss Cora Thummell, Miss Ola Smith, Misses Bess and Ellen Rowlette of Maitland, Miss Maud Tarpley, Miss Nelle Beardsley of Parnell, and Miss Belle Roof of Conception.

Elaine Duncan, reader, assisted by Bess Scott, pianist, Business college tonight. General admission 20c; students 10c.

GIFTS—Parisian Ivory. Great line. See them at **CRANE'S**.

WANTED—Everybody to attend the shooting match at Pete Myers', 1½ miles south of town, Friday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock. Get a chance on the 150-pound pig. 18-20

Elaine Duncan, reader, assisted by Bess Scott, pianist, Business college tonight. General admission 20c; students 10c.

Store Open Nights Until After Christmas

Gifts that are Practical and Useful

Ladies' Ready Made Dresses Reduced One-Half

We carry no dresses over to be sold next season as old style. The garments we offer are new styles bought this season—but the dresses we have not sold must be sold before inventory, and in order to give Christmas buyers some real bargains we offer you selection of any dress at just HALF PRICE. Absolutely no dresses restricted. This means you can buy a

\$40.00 Dresses for.....	\$20.00
35.00 Dresses for.....	17.50
30.00 Dresses for.....	15.00
25.00 Dresses for.....	12.50
20.00 Dresses for.....	10.00
15.00 Dresses for.....	7.50

Wool and Cotton Blankets

Do not forget the reductions. All wool blankets ONE FOURTH OFF—all cotton blankets above \$1.00 in price ten per cent off.

We know that it is not very cold now, but it is going to get cold—so why not take advantage of these reductions and buy what you need for future use.

A Few Useful Gift Suggestions

Carpet Sweepers
Rugs
Blankets
Sweaters
Knit Caps and Toques
Mufflers
Handkerchiefs
Silk Scarfs
Furs

Waists
Silk Hose
Table Linens and Napkins
Fine Towels
Neckwear
Gloves
Umbrellas

Remember—this is the last week of our **DECEMBER CLEARANCE SALE**. You can buy dress goods—silks—blankets—underwear, table linens, rugs, carpets—all ready to wear goods—at greatly reduced prices.

D. R. EVERSOLE & SON

We Are Fixed to Handle All Christmas Grocery Orders With Satisfaction

The stock is complete. Our reduced prices on all Holiday Groceries enable you to supply the table better and for less money.

Tuesday and Wednesday

16 lbs fine GRANULATED SUGAR for \$1.00
Best NORTHERN POTATOES, per bushel \$1.00
\$2.10 for sack of 2½ bushels.
SUGAR CURED PIG HAMS, lb 15c
SUGAR CURED LARGE HAMS, lb 15c
SUGAR CURED PICNIC HAMS, lb 12c

OUR TURKEYS ARE THE BEST
CORN-FED BIRDS, AND JUST
THE RIGHT SIZE.

Best quality BUTTER, lb 25c
Fresh COUNTRY EGGS, doz 25c
Fancy CREAM PATENT FLOUR, per sack, \$1.25; cwt, \$2.15
Fresh COCONUTS, 2 for 15c
Fine MALAGA GRAPES, only 20c
ANGELUS MARSHMALLOWS, 2 boxes 15c
No. 1 CRANBERRIES, 3 quarts 35c
Fresh WALNUT STUFFED DATES, per lb 20c
2 lbs new SALTED PEANUTS 25c
10-lb sacks PURE BUCKWHEAT 45c
Long John cans WEDDING BREAKFAST MAPLE SYRUP 75c

Long Island BLUE POINT OYSTERS, in the shell, only 10c dozen; 3 dozen 25c

Washington NAVEL ORANGES, per doz 25c, 35c and 45c
Peck BLACK WALNUTS 20c
10 lbs No. 1 CABBAGE 25c
SWEET POTATOES, 6 lbs for 25c
Large RED ONIONS, 6 lbs for 25c
Peck TURNIPS 10c
Extra large CELERY 10c
No. 1 BANANAS, doz 20c
CANDIED CITRON, LEMON PEEL or ORANGE PEEL, 2 lbs 35c
POWDERED SUGAR, 3 lbs for 25c
CRYSTAL DOMINO SUGAR, box 25c
WHOLE WHEAT GRAHAM FLOUR for 25c
Best PASTRY FLOUR, box 22c
Finest quality MAMMOTH OLIVES, pint 25c

FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES
YOU WANT REAL OYSTERS, not
the artificial article. Our prices
are 25c for can Standards, 30c for
can of New York Counts. You will
appreciate the good quality.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS IN LARGE
VARIETY.
CLEAR HAVANA, box of 25 90c
ADELPHI RITCHIE, box of 25 90c
DELLA FOX, box of 25 85c
LORD LOBSTER, box of 25 90c
KINGSTONIA, 25 in box 90c
EL ROI TAN, 5c size, 25 in box \$1.00
ALSO ALL THE GOOD MARYVILLE
MADE CIGARS at, per box of
50 \$1.75
IN 10c CIGARS—
THE INVENTORS, 25 in box \$1.95
EL ROI TAN, 10c size, 25 in box \$1.95
EL ROI TAN, 3 for 25c size, 25 in
box \$1.75
GOLD COIN FLOUR, highest patent,
sack, \$1.30; cwt \$2.55
COTTOLINE, 4-lb pails, 50c; 10-lb
pails \$1.20
ELASTIC STARCH, 10c pkgs for 8c;
box of 32 pkgs \$2.10
Pound boxes CORN STARCH, 6 for 25c
BULK GLOSS STARCH, 6 lbs for 20c
No. 1 quality MINCE MEAT, lb 10c
TOWEL'S TOP MINCE MEAT, 17-oz
jar, 15c; 22-oz jar 25c

FRESH NUTS, ALL KINDS.
Large assortment Christmas Candy
at strictly wholesale prices.

PERFECTION COAL OIL (Tuesday),
5 gallons 35c
PALACINE COAL OIL (Tuesday),
5 gallons 70c
CROWN GASOLINE (Tuesday), 5 gal-
lons 65c
If delivered add 1c gallon.

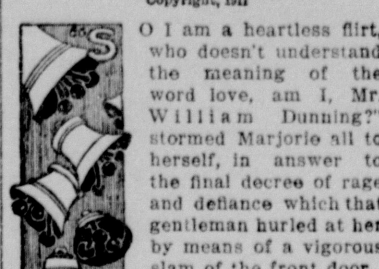
Full line of CREAM AND FANCY
CHEESE—

Best WISCONSIN CREAM CHEESE,
2 lbs for 45c
BISMARCK BRICK CHEESE, lb 25c
GENUINE SWISS, lb 25c
McLAREN'S IMPERIAL, per jar 15c
McLAREN'S ROQUEFORT, in jars 15c
CAMMEMBERT, in tins 30c
NEUFCHATEL, in foil, 2 cakes for 15c
BLUE RIBBON, in foil, 2 cakes for 15c

THE TOWNSEND CO.
THE ONLY LARGE EXCLUSIVE CASH
STORE IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI.

Billy's Christmas Greeting

By EUGENIA RABBAS



O I am a heartless flirt,
who doesn't understand
the meaning of the
word love, am I, Mr.
William Dunning?"
stormed Marjorie all to
herself, in answer to
the final decree of rage
and defiance which that
gentleman hurled at her
by means of a vigorous
slam of the front door.

"I believe he would
have shaken me, if he hadn't rushed
out in time to prevent himself from
doing it," she continued, the ever
ready dimples venturing out of their
hiding places, but she banished them
severely. "I'll never, never forgive
him, even though he asks me to, which
of course, he won't! And he calls me
stubborn!"

Next morning Marjorie was tremen-
dously busy wrapping up dainty little
parcels, for the next day was Christ-
mas, and her many friends must be
remembered, in spite of quarrels and
Billy.

Still, she seemed very much preoc-
cupied over her work, and quite sud-
denly she threw aside the piece of

holly she had been toying with, and
fairly flew to the telephone.

In answer to her impatient sum-
mons, she was quickly connected with
Brown & Co.'s book store. "Have you
sent out those books that were ordered
for Mr. William Dunning?" she asked
anxiously.

The answer evidently pleased her,
for she breathed a sigh of relief.
"That's all right; I'm glad you haven't,
for I have changed my mind about
them. Please cancel the order."

Marjorie hung up the receiver with
an air of triumph. "There, I'm glad I
thought of that! Billy would have
construed a Christmas present into an
object apology," she said, her indigna-
tion rising at the very thought of
such a thing.

But when she went back to her par-
cels and picked up the little twig of
holly she had intended tucking away
into one of them, her face softened. "I
know that isn't the right kind of a
Christmas spirit to have, but I can't
have Billy thinking that I am admit-
ting I was wrong, when I know I
wasn't," she argued with herself.

The joyous ringing of Christmas
bells and merry shouts of her younger
sisters and brothers, when they dis-
covered their stockings the next morn-
ing, only served to emphasize her de-
pression.

"Billy never loved me; if he really
and truly did he never could treat me
like this," she told herself as she stood
looking with unseeing eyes at the
snowy Christmas world.

Just then a young man, fairly tear-
ing around the corner, arrested her at-
tention. It was no less a person than
Billy himself who was coming, post
haste, to see her.

Marjorie looked at him in won-
der. What had come over Billy?
Why this sudden contrition, when, she
admitted it now for the first time,
even to herself she had been greatly,
if not altogether, to blame for their
quarrel.

"O, Billy, I am so glad you came."
Billy took some little time to empha-
size his appreciation of her welcome.

"Glad I came? Why wouldn't I
come, dear?" he asked.

"Because you vowed you wouldn't
unless I apologized," Marjorie explained
mischiefously.

"You didn't think I'd be so narrow
and unforgiving as to ignore your dear
little peace offering? I brought one of
the books with me to read something
to you," he told her, and diving into
his pocket he produced a little copy
of "Romeo and Juliet."

Marjorie was surprised for a second,
then it flashed over her what it all
meant. Brown & Co. had forgotten to
cancel her order and Billy had re-
ceived the books. Billy had construed
her sending them into a humble plea
for forgiveness.

He most probably wouldn't have
come at all if it hadn't been for that.
She stiffened visibly and all her love
was swallowed up in a wave of rebel-
lious pride.

"You are mistaken," she commenced
coldly, but Billy interrupted her.
"Here, I have found it."
"My bounty is as boundless as the
sea,

My love as deep, the more I give to
thee."

"The more I have, for both are in-
finite," he was reading, and the simple
beauty of the lines awoke something
in Marjorie stronger than pride or re-
sentment and she only smiled when he
added tenderly: "My Christmas greet-
ing to you, dear."

2 SUITS DISMISSED

DAMAGE CASES OF MR. AND MRS.
S. K. LASLEY DISMISSED.

EACH WAS FOR \$10,000

Alleged Mispractices From Clear-
mont Will Not Be Tried in
Circuit Court.

Two suits amounting to \$20,000 filed
in October against Dr. W. B. Heryford
of Clearmont, was dismissed last week
by S. K. Lasley, the plaintiff in one,
and by Mrs. S. K. Lasley, the plain-
tiff in the other.

The suit filed by S. K. Lasley was
for \$10,000 damages and the petition
alleges that Dr. Heryford was called
to treat his wife, who was then sick
and enfeebled, and that the defendant
unskillfully treated plaintiff's wife
and caused the death of a child at
birth. The petition also says that the
doctor refused afterward to return and
render such medical attention as her
condition required.

The suit filed by Mrs. S. K. Lasley
was also for \$10,000, and the petition
alleges that the doctor, as a result of
neglect, carelessness and unskillful-
ness in assisting in the birth of a
child, and by the use of artificial
methods and means, caused the death
of the child, and that the plaintiff's
health was permanently injured.

SPOKE AGAINST RUM

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. W. J. Sawyers followed Dean
Colbert. He said at the beginning of
his speech that if the men in all busi-
nesses would vote on the local option
question in the way he knew the law-
yers of the city are going to vote,
this meeting would be a celebration
of local option victory instead of a
meeting to discuss the merits of the
question. His words were greeted with
applause. He declared the traffic of
liquor wrong from every possible view-
point, because it degraded men, ruined
their homes and society. He regards
the liquor business as an outlaw, who
has no right whatever to the protec-
tion of the law. Men in whom I am
interested are paying the greater part
of their earnings into the drinking
places of Maryville, and I want them
closed to give them a chance to do
something for themselves and their
families. One saloon keeper in town
said that the closing of the saloons at
10 o'clock at night would lose him
\$5,000 per month. That is \$60,000 a
year for the last two hours of the day.
Turn that amount of money into legi-
timate channels of business in Mary-
ville and who would profit? The homes
of Maryville and our legitimate busi-
ness men. How much money does this
same saloon keeper take in Maryville
during the other seventeen hours of
the day he has been allowed to run his
business? Can you estimate the
amount? He has a traveling salesman
that brings in an average of \$100 a day
for orders. Some think the liquor
business could not be stopped by local
option laws. Did it ever fail where
the law was enforced? Local option
laws can be enforced just the same as
any other statute on the law books.

The saloon men are working hard.
One of their men said Saturday night
that "when the brewery money comes
we'll make the temperance people look
like two cents."

Mr. Sawyers made a ringing speech
and he said many plain things that
met the approval of his hearers.

First M. E. Church.

Prof. J. A. Lesh's talk was from the
standpoint of the school man. He said
that we must admit that the school is
partly maintained by saloon revenue,
but that we should remove that awful
stigma of the saloon from our schools.
Prof. Lesh called attention to the fact
that Maryville is a town of schools,
and that we should be able to tell the
fathers of the community to send their
sons and daughters to Maryville, a city
of culture and morality. But that we
will be unable to say it honestly until
the sale of liquor is abolished. Prof.
Lesh brought up the statement of the
"wets" that the law would not be en-
forced if the city should vote "dry."

"Is not every law violated, and is
that a reason why we should have no
laws at all?" asks Mr. Lesh.

Hon. Anderson Craig took up the
statement of the "wets" that more
liquor is sold in a community after it
goes dry than before.

"Why they," asked Mr. Craig, "do
the brewers exercise every activity to
prevent the different cities from going
dry?"

In his official capacity at Jefferson
City Mr. Craig was in a position to see
the tireless efforts that the brewery
associations made to prohibit the
passing of certain bills through the

legislature that were favorable to local
option.

M. E. Church, South.
"Tonight is the opening gun of this
particular campaign," said W. H.
Crawford at the Methodist Episcopal
church, South, Sunday evening. "The
time has come when we must look
this question squarely in the face,"
continued Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford said in part:
"The liquor theme is of vital impor-
tance to our entire city. Tonight I
want to plead for the homes of our
city, and I have clasped my discourse
under three classes.

"First—The sale of liquor is wrong
from a moral standpoint. No one has
a right to sell or give away intoxicat-
ing drinks that degrade the morals of
his fellow man.

"Second—The sale of liquor is
wrong from the physical point of
view. Liquor affects life and brain
power. Not alone does it affect the
drinker, but it is hereditary, even to
several generations. Dealing in liquor
is an outlaw.

"Third—The sale of liquor is wrong
from a financial standpoint. Would
we not rather pay heavier license than
to allow our boys to go down the
street with the temptation of an open
saloon. Or leave our daughters to the
mercies of the young men who fre-
quent these places of vice. On the 5th
of January I implore my hearers to
step boldly forward and place their
votes against the liquor traffic."

In the opening remarks of M. E.
Ford he caused a ripple of laughter.
Mr. Ford said:

"If I had taken time to consider it
when I received an invitation to speak
here this evening I should have de-
clined. I think that the truth should
be spoken in the pulpit, and it is em-
barrassing for a lawyer to be com-
pelled to tell the truth."

Mr. Ford said in part:

"Boys do not begin going to the sa-
loon because they want something to
drink. They acquire the habit of drink
from frequenting the place where they
have gone for other purposes. All
habits of vice are acquired from the
repetition of wrong deeds.

"It is hard for a lawyer to speak on
this question, because there is only
one side to it. If any one takes ob-
jection to this, just show me one man
who has been benefitted by the saloon
and I will say there are two sides—
otherwise only one side.

"Prohibition does not prohibit en-
tirely. Neither does the law against
murder, nor the law against gambling
prohibit gambling. But it lessens the
evils.

"There seems to be only one argu-
ment for the saloon. The city needs
the revenue. Some one will have to
pay it. The people who are paying
nothing possibly to the city are the
ones who are paying it now through
the saloons. Shall we accept it of
them? On one day here one of our
saloons received \$2,000. How much
better if this amount had been spent
at our grocery stores, dry goods and
clothing stores, or even sent out of
town to bring food and clothing to
some little unfortunates.

"I give credit to the school of our
country for the better condition today.
People are more intelligent than they
used to be, and it brings about a better
condition in our homes, in society and
in business."

Came From Chicago.

Mrs. Fred C. Honnold and daugh-
ters of Chicago arrived in Maryville
Monday morning on a visit to Dr.
Honnold's mother and sister, Mrs. M.
J. Honnold and Mrs. George P. Bel-
lows.

May Be Operated On.

Mrs. Mary Montgomery is still dan-
gerously ill at St. Francis hospital. It
is expected that an operation will be
performed on her Tuesday.

Miss Mary Younkers and Miss Ada-
laide Stewart of St. Joseph were
guests over Sunday of Miss Stewart's
uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. W.
Swinford.

Miss Bertha Goforth returned to her
home in Bolckow Monday morning
from a few days' visit with her brother,
W. E. Goforth, and family, and her
sister, Miss Lola Goforth.

Mrs. Anna Snyder went to St. Jo-
seph Saturday evening to visit until
after New Year's with her son, Harry
D. Snyder, and family.

Miss Mary Farnan went to Arkoe
Saturday evening to spend Sunday
with Miss Josephine Stundon.

R. T. Wiggell and Miss Golda Lund
of Arkoe were among the Christmas
shoppers in Maryville Saturday.

Miss Mary Stundon went to St. Jo-
seph Saturday to visit over Sunday
with relatives.

Mrs. Ralph W. Eversole went to St.
Joseph Monday morning to spend the
day.

Mrs. C. E. Shell, living south of
Maryville, spent Saturday in Maryville
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W.
Swinford.

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sizes for gifts. The paper is first quality in every
instance. Stationery makes a gift that is mid-way
between the sentimental and the practical. It can
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For A Special Gift

Fine Leather Goods

Only one of a kind of these leather articles—a
gift that will not be duplicated and which will prove
very practical.

Fine calfskin pillow, with leather back, dark
brown color, soft finish. Decorated with genuine
Chinese coins and pieces from gold embroidered
robes. Leather bound edges. Price \$10.

Calfskin pillow, with leather back, dark brown
color, soft finish, leather design stitched on, very
best quality, for \$7.50.

Leather library mats in odd shapes, brown and
green colors. Designs are stitched on, not pasted.
Priced from \$2.50 to \$6. (Center Aisle)

Full size sheep skins, soft finish, brown and red
colors. Price, \$1.50 (Basement)

Bathrobe Blankets for Making Fine Bathrobes

Soft, heavy blankets for making the kind of
bathrobes that men like, are found in the east aisle—
blanket section. In black, red, green and blue col-
ors with bold designs in lighter shades. Each
blanket has a cord to match. Price \$2.50

For A Little Girl's Gift;

Dolls, Doll Beds and Doll Carriages Specially Priced Tomorrow

Special prices for one day on the three things
a little girl likes best.

\$1.50 Dolls for \$1.25

21-inch kid body dolls that go to sleep, cork
stuffed, natural hair and eyebrows; eyelashes.
Choice of light or dark hair and brown or blue eyes.
For tomorrow only, the \$1.50 grades for \$1.25.
(Doll Section)

\$2. and \$2.25 Doll Carriages \$1.39

Doll carriages with steel frames, wood trim-
mings, leather back and seat, rubber tires. Will fold
up in a small space. The regular \$2. and \$2.25
grades for \$1.39. (Basement)

\$1.00 Doll Beds for 89c

Doll beds made of heavy wire; can be folded flat
when desired. Fitted complete with daintily flowered
pillows, canopy, spread, etc. \$1. grades for 89c.
(Basement)

Tonight and Every Night This Week, The Store Will Remain Open

SHOP IN THE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS WHEN POS-
SIBLE, IT WILL BE MUCH MORE PLEASANT.

BUSHNELL IN THE CITY.

Was in Conference With the Local Op-
tion Workers Monday.

Dr. Albert Bushnell of Kansas City,
one of the prominent leaders in the
Anti-Saloon League of Missouri, was
in Maryville Monday in conference
with the local option committee. His
visit at this time, it is said, is to look
over the campaign that has been made
by the temperance people and to plan
with them for the remainder of the
campaign.

Their Sister Ill at Hospital.

Mrs. Edward Hunerboss of New-
burn, Ia., and Mrs. John Feight of
Milo, Ia., came to Maryville Saturday
evening on account of the illness of
their sister, Mrs. David Ferris, who is
at St. Francis hospital and will under-
go an operation.

Mrs. Harry Lett and son and daugh-
ter returned to their home in Picker-
ing Saturday from their visit with
Mrs. Lett's brother, Vern Wray, and
family.

SENSATION IN MURDER TRIAL

Oklahoma Business Man Asked Negro to Perjure Himself.

DEAD CHILDREN OWNED OIL LAND

Most Noted Criminal Case Ever Tried in Oklahoma Brings Out Startling Testimony.

Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 16.—Some startling and sensational testimony was brought out here in the trial of William Irwin, a Muskogee real estate man, who, with seven other defendants, is charged with murder of the two Sells children, Castella and Herbert, killed and burned at the Mackey home at Taft last March. These children owned valuable oil lands, and the state is trying to prove that the men conspired to get their land.

James C. Johnson, a negro of Mexico City, testified that Irwin and F. L. Martin, another one of the defendants, and D. R. Allen, a negro, induced him to impersonate Cates Hardy Sells, stepfather of the Mackey children, who is now dead, and to sign deeds to the land of Sells and the three Sells children. Johnson said he signed the name of Sells after he had practiced the genuine signature.

The deeds were signed before the American consul in Mexico City. For this, he swears, they agreed to give him \$5,000, but he did not get the money because Irwin was arrested shortly after the last deed was signed. The witness went into detail as to every transaction.

The state contends that the murder of the Sells children was part of the plot to rob them of their land.

W. Thornburg, a Muskogee business man, swore that Irwin had come to his office and offered him \$2,000 to go to Mexico City and identify some negro as Hardy Sells, and he spurned the offer. Thornburg knew Sells during his lifetime.

Thornburg swore that shortly after Irwin approached him the Sells children were blown up by dynamite.

This is perhaps the most noted criminal case ever tried in this part of the state, and thousands of dollars are being spent by both the state and the defense. There are a dozen attorneys on each side.

TOOK POSSESSION BY FORCE

Denver Man, Elected County Assessor Couldn't Wait on Formalities.

Denver, Dec. 16.—Harry J. Arnold, assessor of the county of Denver, who asserts that under the consolidation of the city and county he should retain that position, was ejected from his office by a band of city hall employees, policemen and detectives at an early hour.

Hiram Hills, a state senator, aligned politically with Mayor Robert W. Speer, took possession as assessor. Hills at an adjourned session of the board of supervisors two hours earlier, had been confirmed by a vote of 4 to 3 on the recommendation of the mayor.

Arnold, when he learned that the supervisors were taking action summarily to oust him, locked and barred the doors. When Hills appeared an iron bar was produced and a plate glass window broken and police crawled in, followed by the new assessor. Arnold refused to leave. Two detectives took him by the arm and led him out of the building, his deputies being treated likewise. Then the new regime placed a guard at the door of the office and the crowd dispersed.

Safe Blowers Frightened.

Sapulpa, Ok., Dec. 16.—An attempt was made at 2 a. m. to blow the safe of the Oklahoma State bank of this city. Four men gained entrance through a rear door of the bank and were in the act of placing the explosive when they were surprised by a night watchman. The men fled from the bank. Several shots were exchanged, but the thieves made their escape. They left their tools in the bank and enough nitroglycerine and fuse to blow ten safes. There was \$10,000 in the bank vault.

Steel Trust in Graft Fight?

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 16.—The name of the United States Steel corporation came into the trial of Walter Gibson, alderman of Gary. He is charged with having accepted a bribe to vote for a heating franchise for Thomas B. Dean, the chief witness for the state in the investigation of the big monopoly.

Both Dead of Their Burns.

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 16.—Mrs. L. C. Hemphill, who was burned so severely after trying to rescue her baby, died early in the morning at the Simmons hospital. The 7-months-old baby died a little while before the mother.

Shooting Show Girls Free.

New York, Dec. 16.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad. They had been held since last June for shooting W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor.

Molly's Christmas Dinner

by Temple Bailey

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"Hi, but you couldn't really," Molly cried, incredulously. "Yes, I can," Mrs. Phelps insisted. She had a fancy to see how this pretty creature would take the men of her set. "I can lend you a gown and a hat and wrap, and you can take Vera Patterson's place. She has just telephoned that her cold is worse and that she can't be with us for Christmas dinner."

"I'd love it," Molly's eyes were like stars. "But—" "There are no 'buts,'" Mrs. Phelps said calmly. "If I choose to add another guest to my Christmas dinner no one can possibly criticize."

"I've never dined in any of the big hotels," Molly confessed. "Terry wanted to make me once, but I couldn't—not in my old clothes."

"I don't see why you don't have some nice gowns," Mrs. Phelps said.

She had taken a fancy to her little seamstress; the girl's youth and beauty made her different from the usual cut-and-dried spinsters who work by the day.

"You could go around a lot if you had the things to wear."

Molly shook her head. "There are mother and father and Billy and Babe," she said. "I have to help out with the family expenses, and I mustn't spend everything on myself."

"So you just sit at home and stagnate," Mrs. Phelps complained.

Molly laughed. "Oh, Terry takes me out now and then."

"Who is Terry?"

"Well, he's a very nice boy who likes me," Molly confessed.

"And I suppose you'll marry him and be poor the rest of your life," was Mrs. Phelps' comment. "You're very silly, Molly."

Molly began to wonder if she wasn't silly. Here was an opportunity staring her in the face. Opportunity to meet rich men, opportunity to wear beautiful clothes.

"Do you really want me to go to your dinner?" she asked, half timidly.

"Of course," Mrs. Phelps said; "and I want you to try on the gown now."

It was a wonderful gown of white chiffon with the hem heavy with silver. There was a twist of white tulle which banded Molly's red-gold hair, with a silver rose at the side. The slippers were silver, and a little loose on Molly's tiny feet.

"They can be tied on with ribbons," Mrs. Phelps decided, "and they won't show under that long skirt."

In front of the long mirror Molly saw a wonderful vision.

Mrs. Phelps brought from a box a long wrap of lace and ermine and rose-colored velvet.

"I was afraid that color wouldn't go with your hair," she said, "but it gives you distinction, after all."

On her way home, again clothed in her shabby suit, Molly told Terry about it.

"She is going to give a Christmas dinner at the Belvidere," she said, "and one of her guests has disappeared her. She wants me to take her place, and I'm going to do it, Terry."

Terry's face fell. "Then you won't have dinner with us," he said. "We'll miss you, Molly."

"Oh, but it's my opportunity," her face was glowing. "Think of the people I'll meet."

He did think of the people she would meet, as he tramped home alone in the cold twilight. Terry knew something of the world, something of the men who would be at that dinner.

Babe and Billy protested strongly when they learned that Molly, the light of the household, was to spend her Christmas evening away from them.

"It will spoil all our fun," they said. "Terry will be here," Molly told them. "Mother has planned a late dinner, because he has to work part of the day."

She felt a little conscience-stricken, however, as she left them, and not until she had donned the beautiful gown at Mrs. Phelps' could she put the thought of their tearful faces out of her mind.

It was a wonderful experience to ride through the streets in the limousine, wrapped in the rose-colored cloak, with a great bunch of valley lilies in her hand. She felt like a princess, too, as she swept through the wide corridor of the hotel, following Mrs. Phelps.

Her pleasure was ended, however, when she met the other guests and sat down at the big round table. There was a confusing display of knives and forks and spoons, but her native wit prevented any awkwardness.

It was the men on each side of her, however, who alarmed her. Molly had never been at a loss for a word or

a gay retort until now. But the people around her lived in a world of their own. They talked of operas, of sports, of places of which Molly knew nothing. She didn't know that her pretty, blushing shyness charmed the multimillionaire at her left and piqued the curiosity of the ambassador on her right. She was uncomfortable and self-conscious as she tried to fit her stammering little phrases to this new environment.

Gradually, as she gained poise, she confessed to herself that she was having a very stupid time. It wasn't a bit like Christmas; although the color scheme of the table was green and red, there was no holly, no mistletoe, just gorgeous American beauties and wide satin ribbons. She had a vision of the table set in the shabby dining room at home. In the center would be a great bunch of holly, and above it would hang a little wax angel. At one end she saw her father, his knife cutting through the crackling brown of the turkey's breast. The delicate fare of the hotel paled in comparison to her mother's cooking. At home there would be large helpings of mashed potatoes and turnips and gravy. The cranberry sauce would be served in big dishes.

As they drove home together, Mrs. Phelps said: "You were a success, my dear. If you will let me, I'll bring you out. Perhaps you will make a grand marriage. It would be a great thing for a girl like you."

Molly's response was not enthusiastic. She did not like to appear ungrateful, but she had had a most unhappy time. She had been a stranger in a strange land.

When she had changed her dress Mrs. Phelps sent her home in her car.

Terry met her at the door. Back of him was the red light of the dining-room lamp. Babe and Billy fell on her neck and welcomed her, and father and mother smiled in the background.

Molly had gifts for all of them. The lilies went on the center of the table, and she had tied up candies and almonds in the corner of her handkerchief. "I had an awful time hiding them," she confessed, "but I knew how you'd like them."

She had a red rose for Terry.

"The multimillionaire gave it to me," she said. "Mrs. Phelps wants me to marry him."

Terry looked at her with his heart in his eyes, but he didn't say a word.

"The Multimillionaire Wants to Meet You Again."

Was Molly going to be swallowed up in that strange world, where men had millions and didn't have to work? But Molly was demanding some of her mother's turkey.

"I hardly ate a thing at dinner," she said. "It was awful sitting up there and having people stare at me."

They brought it to her with delight, and she had to taste a little bit of everything and praise it.

When it was time for Terry to go she went with him to the front door, and they stood for a moment under the stars.

"Will you be going back to them?" Terry asked, jealously.

"Why should I?" Molly asked. "You couldn't go with me, could you, Terry?"

The next morning, when Molly went back to her sewing, Mrs. Phelps said, "The multimillionaire wants to meet you again. When shall we plan for it, Molly?"

"Never," said Molly calmly. "I am going to marry Terry, and then I won't have any time for multimillionaires, will I?"

Why We Rejoice.

In the manger at Bethlehem was cradled the hope of the world. That is why Christmas is the universal festival. That is why the world rejoices. But the manger must be interpreted largely. In the babe is the promise of the man and the Savior. It is not the birth alone that makes the gospel; it is also the life, the passion, the death, the resurrection, the ascension. Christmas carries all this in its happy content. There is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep, who leadeth His flock to green pastures and beside still waters and whose honor and good name are pledged to His leading us in ways of righteousness and paths of peace, and there is the promise of Jesus that He will be with us "all the days" even unto the end of the world. It is because of these aspects of the Christ life and because of these assurances that the world rejoices and will rejoice.

Standing of Contestants in the Raines Brothers' Automobile and Piano Contest for the week ending Dec. 14.

Coupons are issued at the rate of one vote for each cent purchased at the following places: Raines Bro.'s, Empire Theatre, G. B. Holmes & Co., Montgomery Shoe Co., T. J. Penniston, Tate Bros., Campbell & Clark Hardware Co., Price & McNeal, Mrs. W. J. Staples, W. B. Porter, Vandersloot Meat Market, Maryville Steam Laundry, and Hotchkiss Variety Store.

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TEN-HOUR SESSION AT TEMPLE

"Elijah II" Predicts War, Famine and Pestilence if He is Convicted—Refuses to Employ Counsel.

Durham, Me., Dec. 18.—For ten hours Rev. Frank W. Sandford, the leader of the Holy Ghost and Us society, who is to appear in the United States district court at Portland for sentence on a charge of having been responsible for the death of six of his followers, stood in the pulpit at Shiloh, talking, preaching and praying. Of the 600 odd men, women and children who made up this strange religious colony, hardly one was absent from the services.

Many of those present stayed through the long ten-hour service without any dinner or supper and not once did Sandford or his elders leave the platform.

In the course of his remarks Sandford predicted war, famine and pestilence.

A solemn benediction invoked by the leader upon the kneeling congregation brought the meeting to a close.

But for adverse winds Sandford might yet be engaged in the evangelization voyage on which he embarked on the yacht Coronet, with a handful of the faithful, 17 months ago, praying for the conversion of inhabitants in far countries. He was driven into port on a sinking ship, to face arrest on the charge of failing to provide proper food for his followers, and so causing the death of six of them by scurvy.

When called before the bar of justice, "Elijah II," as he is known among the Shilohites, refused to employ counsel, and his only defense was that he had done but the bidding of his "Lord and Master."

Sixty years in a federal prison or a fine of \$60,000, or both, is the maximum penalty that he may be called upon to pay.

Released on bail after conviction, Sandford returned to Shiloh to prepare for a term of imprisonment, if the court should so decree, declaring that the work which he has started will go on as before. Sorrow at the expected parting from his wife and five children is all that seems to have the power to shake the leader from his calm.

The life story of the man who entered upon the work of evangelizing the world single-handed without money or hope of recompense is remarkable.

The movement gained such strength that headquarters of the cult were established here at a cost of \$100,000 for the buildings. The students now number 600 at the "University of Truth," on the "hill top" and sailing vessels have been chartered in which many of the sect have made voyages of evangelization in the "Seven Seas."

PLENTY OF LIQUOR IN DRY TOWN

Drunkenness Common Sight in Cameron—Preacher Claims to Know Source of Supply.

Cameron, Mo., Dec. 18.—John Kadan, Jesse Shears and "Babe" Smith, three men of this town were arrested on the streets for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Cameron is a dry town but intoxicated men have been a common sight for the last two weeks. The temperance people are indignant. The Rev. Dr. English, Methodist, said in his sermon that last week 12 barrels of beer were unloaded at the Rock Island depot and that they are now being disposed of not a block from the Methodist church. He asserted he knew the guilty person and that something was going to be done to remedy the situation. Another local option election is due here next spring.

Echo of the Gow Case.

Montgomery, Mo., Dec. 18.—The trial of Dr. W. A. Hemphill, who is charged with performing the illegal operation resulting in the death of Miss Elizabeth Gleason, a Lincoln county school teacher, at the request of the Rev. Clyde Gow, who is serving a 4-year term in the penitentiary, has been set for trial at the coming term of circuit court at Troy, beginning January 1.

Shot Watching a Fight.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 18.—In a pistol fight between a negro porter and Dollie Huitt, a white woman, at a hotel here, Harry Fox, a roomer, who looked out of his door to discover the cause of the trouble, was shot in the left arm. Miss Huitt asserts the negro insulted her. Both fired three shots, neither proving goodmarks men. Fox's injury is slight.

Police Take Long Hatpins.

Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The police were ordered to confiscate all hatpins that protruded through the headgear of women pedestrians, and persistent violators of the law are being taken before magistrates and fined.

MAC VEIGH LIKES NEW PLAN

SECRETARY DISCUSSES THE PROPOSED BANKING SYSTEM.

Thinks New Currency Measure Will Provide Practical Immunity From Panics.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, in his annual report made public today, devotes considerable space to the prospects for a reform of the banking and currency system, and congratulates the country of the probability that congress will promptly adopt legislation based on the report of the monetary commission. Of this report he says:

"We must put an end to the tendency which forces our bank balances into speculative channels, and save them for regular trade and commerce. To meet the case it is necessary to have an elastic currency, available reserves and every necessary provision and power both to permit and to check the expansion of loans."

"We must provide, too, and without reservation, for a perfect equality of privilege and opportunity between national and state banks. And it is indispensable that the new law shall deny with great precision to any bank included within its provisions, whether national or state, the right to own stock in any other independent bank. The law should not fail to conclusively forbid such ownership."

"The tentative plan of the commission, in its main features, has satisfied very much the larger part of the expert opinion of the nation; and it has generally the support of our business men. This has been made possible by the early and continuous action of the monetary commission in giving the widest scope to its investigations, and by calling into its work everybody it was able to reach who had experience or knowledge that could be useful to it. While this report is due to the monetary commission, it is also a product of the judgment of the people, so far, at least, as its fundamental features are concerned. The fact confronts us, that whereas our country has not before in many years even approached a consensus of opinion on monetary matters it has now largely and mainly agreed. And congress is meeting a situation immensely simplified. The persistent difficulties of monetary reform have almost entirely disappeared; and legislation traditionally complex and laborious presents itself with its chief problems so clearly solved, with its complexity so smoothed out and with its provisions so generally approved that the final work of the congress can now go forward without delay."

"The common indorsement of the reform and of its urgency marks in a peculiar manner the nonpartisan character of the present movement. There is no bit of party color left in the monetary question. The instinct of the nation has eradicated partisanship from this great business and social question. "So far as the administration is concerned, it has heartily taken its cue from congress; and has done, and will continue to do, its part in keeping this great issue wholly nonpartisan. The administration wants this legislation to come from the whole of congress and from both parties; and to be for the whole of the people."

"The principal requirements of a new banking and currency measure are that it shall provide a practical immunity from serious panics—such an immunity as is enjoyed by the other leading financial nations; that it shall abolish the habitually recurrent ordinary stringencies in the money market, which keep relations between the bankers and the business men of the country almost continuously at sixes and sevens; that it shall remove the defects of our domestic exchange; that it shall enlarge and develop the facilities of our foreign exchange system; that it shall properly develop the discount market; that it shall wholesomely assist in regulating the interest rates and making them uniform throughout the country; that it

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SNOW COVERS SOUTH MISSOURI

Fourteen Inches Reported in Several

Places—Joplin Without Gas for Six Hours.

Montgomery, Mo., Dec. 18.—The heaviest snowfall of the season visited Northeast Missouri, much to the delight of the merchants who have a large stock of holiday goods to dispose of. The snow is half a foot deep.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 18.—A snowstorm that swept Southwest Missouri continued all day. At several towns within 45 miles of Joplin 14 inches of snow fell.

For six hours the Joplin district was without gas, a break in the main from the Kansas fields eight miles northwest, shutting off the supply. Mining plants suspended operations, hotels and cafes could not serve the usual patrons and families without other fuel suffered. The temperature is 20 degrees above zero.

Lloyd-George is injured.

London, Dec. 18.—David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, was severely injured while leaving a women's liberal meeting here, at which he had just made an address. A man suffragist hurled a brassbound box at the chancellor, which struck him in the face, cutting his lip and badly injuring his eye.

MAY MODIFY RESOLUTION

Attitude of Russia's Ambassador Calls for Quick Action.

"STINGER" MAY BE EXTRACTED

Members of Cabinet Summoned to White House—Taft Urges Modification of Language Toward Czar's Government.

Washington, Dec. 18.—That ambassador Bakhmeteff of Russia will ask for his passports and leave America at once should the senate pass the Sulzer resolution is the belief here. He would either do that or leave Washington "unofficially," an under secretary remaining in charge of the Russian legation.

Some senators go so far as to say that the Sulzer resolution containing various recitals said to be objectionable to the St. Petersburg government would be adopted without amendment, but the consensus of opinion is that the senate will strip the resolution of everything except a declaration of abrogation. The point upon which all seem to agree is that the senate will act promptly, regardless of any protests that might be made and regardless of the negotiations that have been in progress between Washington and the Russian capital.

News of the Russian stand has created a decided sensation. The senate was not in session, but there were a number of hurriedly called conferences at which the situation was fully discussed.

The first stir over the announcement that Russia had become aroused over the proposed action of the American congress in cutting off all commercial and treaty relations with that country and that international complications might ensue soon was followed by another thrill when six members of the cabinet were summoned to the White house late in the afternoon.

Throughout the day an effort was made in official quarters to minimize the importance of the Russian ambassador's action.

"Russia has made no formal protest against the abrogation of the treaty, or against the Sulzer resolution," Secretary Knox said.

President Taft sent for several of the senate leaders and placed the matter before them. He is said to have urged that the resolution of abrogation be modified. The President, it was said, had not given up hope that the negotiations undertaken some time ago with the St. Petersburg government would meet with success. The demand for immediate action by congress had become so insistent, however, that he would not attempt to check it.

Senators and members of the house, apprised of what many of them characterized as a veiled threat by Russia to cut off all friendly relations with the United States, discussed the matter freely.

President Taft, it is said, has indicated that he will veto the Sulzer resolution if it should be forced through the senate without material modification. Nothing that can be construed as an offense to Russia will be permitted if the President can help it.

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MEXICO

Thirty-Six Persons Killed in Colima Province Alone—Disturbance Covers Entire Country.

The City of Mexico, Dec. 18.—Mexico was rocked from ocean to ocean and from Guajunato on the north and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec on the south by an earthquake.

At least 36 persons were killed in Colima province, and 13 persons were reported dead from falling walls in Cuernavaca, eight in Guayamas, and 15 in Jalapa. The shocks came shortly after noon and were preceded and succeeded by eruptions from several craters believed to be extinct.

The quake caused a small panic here. Hundreds of persons rushed to the Zocalo, where they ran aimlessly about or fell on their knees in prayer.

Telegraph and telephone wires were snapped and for a time the city was without light and electric power on account of the breaking of cables, but aside from the throwing down of a few adobe walls, no serious damage was done.

The first shock was felt at 12:40 and continued for a few seconds more than two minutes. The instruments registered an oscillatory movement from southwest to northeast.

Killed a Would-Be Murderer.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A plot to murder Edward Henry, superintendent for a St. Louis construction firm, resulted in the death of George Libonio, an Italian laborer. He attempted to kill Henry, but was killed by fellow workmen. Henry is in charge of the erection of a large office building.

Trunks Full of Liquor.

Independence, Kan., Dec. 18.—After watching two trunks suspected of containing liquor until they were satisfied the owners became suspicious and had no intention of applying for them, the police confiscated the trunks and broke them open. They were filled with whisky and other liquors.

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At the Old Home

by Lawrence T. Berliner.
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STEARNS, the man of affairs, was a far different individual as a winter's evening found him deep in thought. A man of but little sentiment, was the way the world adjudged the financier. Yet there were whisperings of a youthful romance and early departure from home. No one ever dared broach the subject and it had long since been forgotten.

As Charles Stearns gazed into the fire in the library of his home, the flickering light seemed to recall days of the past. In fancy he saw again his boyhood home, his parents and acquaintances. How little they had been to him for so long a time!

Quarterly stipends he had supplied to the old folks, yet he had never heeded the call they sent out for their only son.

As the man sat musing, he spoke aloud:

"I believe I am getting sentimental. I think I shall surprise the old folks and pay them a visit for Christmas."

A thought meant an act with Stearns. His mind once made up, it took much to change it. His decision to return to the farm for the holiday gave him pleasure. He could hardly await the time when he was to start.

He bought presents for the old folks. He remembered his father's delight in watches. One of the finest to be had went into the satchel for him. The silk for a new dress made up a portion of what he planned for his mother.

It was a long journey to the old homestead. The train sped onward and each moment made the man more anxious to see his people and the old place again. But suddenly a thought occurred to him and his face blanched. He had forgotten; Stella Harrington might still be there.

All the memories of the past were swept aside and he thought only of her.

Once she had promised to make him happy. As he thought of that time, he sighed deeply. She had altered his life when she changed her mind at the last and threw him over.

He recalled the jeers of his boyhood companions as they sneered their rough witticisms at him. It was the way of the country and he could not stand the finger of scorn and had fled. That was in the long ago and he had almost forgotten—until now.

As the train stopped at the little station on the hill it seemed as if he had left it only yesterday.

But no—where was George White, the old agent? A young man filled his place. The driver of the stage was another stranger. Old Eb Brown was also a thing of the past.

None knew the portly middle-aged man as he strode towards the coach that plied between station and town. There was a moment's pause, while the driver gathered the mail, as old Eb had done so many times, and they were off.

As the rig rattled over the rough roads the man within watched with interest the scenes of his youth. The town had changed little in the years that had passed.

When the coach paused at the old homestead the man's eyes filled with tears. A woman came from the house; mother and son were in each other's arms.

On the porch stood his father to welcome the man home. With misty eyes the united family stood. All hearts were full. The parents' hopes had been realized and the prodigal had come home.

"How could I have remained away so long?" he asked again and again as the old folks bustled about, trying to make him comfortable.

"And, Charlie, you are now a banker they tell us," said his mother. "You, who left us so long ago, are the image of your father at your age."

"My boy," spoke the father, "it has been a long time since you went away, but we are mighty glad to have you back again."

The son's heart was too full for words. There was one question he would like to ask but the words refused to come.

"Charlie," questioned his mother, "have you ever seen Stella since the day you went away? I know I ought not to speak of this, but I must."

"Mother!" All a boy's anguish came forth in that word. As of yore he buried his face in the parent's lap and sobbed.

She stroked his now thinning locks and the touch was magical. Why had he lost his parents for so many years? His joy was too much, too good, to last.

"I have never seen her," he said at last; "never since the day she promised to be my wife and then as quickly refused to marry me."

"My poor boy, do you remember Steve Briggs?—the one that wore the fine clothes? He had much to do with Stella's refusal to keep her promise."

"She never told me just what he said, but it was enough to make her throw you over. You would never come back and she was too proud to write."

"Where is Stella now, mother?" asked the man.

"She lives in the old place by the creek, Charlie, you remember it—with all the apple trees behind the house?"

Well did the man remember the orchard where he had spent the autumn evening with his sweetheart.

That evening found Stearns walking toward the creek. "I wonder how the old place looks," he thought.

There was the old-fashioned house, the porch with the long steps. Everything was as if the old days were still there.

A figure moved about in the parlor. He knew well where the parlor was. He heard the organ. It was Stella's favorite air. He paused and his eyes filled with tears as he heard that voice again.

Slowly he ascended the steps and pulled the bell. The playing stopped and he heard footsteps. The door opened and the light of the hall streamed upon his face.

It was evident that the woman failed to recognize him, for she looked askance as he spoke.

"Is this Stella Harrington?" he began, but the sound of his voice made her start.

"Charles Stearns, have you come back?" she gasped, and followed him into the room.

"So, Stella, you are keeping house alone now! You— you have not changed very much, either," he said earnestly.

He saw that her once golden tresses were streaked with gray, yet much of the youthful beauty remained and he found his heart quickening as he gazed at the woman.

"And you are the great banker they would have us believe—little Charlie Stearns, who used to be my tense at school?"

Neither had touched on the subject which seemed to be in the minds of both. At last the man could remain silent no longer.

"Stella, my mother has just told me why you changed your mind so many years ago. Why did you not tell me then?" he asked.

"Because I was too proud. When I found that he had lied, it was too late."



"Charles Stearns, Have You Come Back?"

You had left home and no one knew where. I thought if you had really cared you would have come back," said Stella.

"And I have come back, my girl. Just what brought me here this Christmas I cannot realize, but I know I am glad to be back."

"And your parents—how happy they must be to have you with them again," she said. "Now, they can enjoy Christmas in the old way—just you three together."

"Stella, you are all alone. Won't you come to our house for dinner to-morrow? Let us celebrate in a modern way, and it will make the old folks so happy."

"Only the old folks?" she began, but the big man silenced her as he grasped her hands and said:

"Stella, I ask you what you refused me so many years ago. Will you be my wife? You are alone in the world and I want you."

"Charles, it is not out of pity you ask me this?" she questioned.

"No, dear girl, it is because my heart has been hungry for something all these years, and I did not realize until now that it was you I needed."

It was indeed a modern Christmas celebration at the old home. The parents turned away as they saw the younger pair under the mistletoe, so aptly hung by the thoughtful mother.

Yuletide in Australia.

In striking contrast to our own is the Christmas Day kept by our kinsfolk in Australasia. No snow or blazing log; no holly or mistletoe; only a bright sky, green trees, parched grass, and a blazing sun. Christmas is so inseparably associated by us with a cosy seat in front of a roaring fire that we can hardly realize eating our Christmas dinner on a veranda beneath a brilliantly blue sky, with every flowering plant in full bloom. But, "down yonder," picnics and garden parties are the order of the day. Many a delightful excursion into the country is arranged by the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and other townspeople, and Christmas Day is kept right merrily, far into the summer night.

Santa Claus' Treasure Box

By J. F. HENDERSON



CHRISTMAS was at hand, and Philip Draper's heart was heavy.

For a number of years he had seemed to be the particular pet of misfortune. As an artist his work displayed the magic touch of genius, and he was in a fair way to achieve fame and worldly success when the first of a series of calamities befell him. Soon after Philip's marriage to pretty Lucille Girard, his father failed in business and died within a month thereafter, leaving nothing but a mass of debts as a legacy to his son.

Philip, who had just been taken into partnership with his father, and whose outlook on the future was tinged with the color of the rose, was crushed by this blow; but with a quixotic sense of duty he set himself the tremendous task of paying off the debts of the firm. To accomplish this he had nothing to depend upon but the sale of his pictures; yet, year in and year out, he toiled on stubbornly and uncomplainingly, while he and Lucille and their little boy were deprived of many of the comforts of life that the bulk of his earnings might go to his creditors.



The house in which they lived was a roomy old mansion on the outskirts of the city, left to Philip by a maiden aunt, who had passed away since the death of his father, and which Lucille had persuaded him not to sell. This house, by the way, had originally belonged to an eccentric old sea captain, Jeremiah Suggs by name, who was reputed to be something of a miser, and who lived and died a recluse.

The crowning calamity came to Philip Draper when the debt was all but cleared off. It was then he was overtaken by a wasting illness, which kept him confined to his bed for almost a year, and leaving him destitute. The butcher and the baker threatened to deny him further credit, and his home was heavily mortgaged. The outlook was gloomy.

"And tomorrow is Christmas," he remarked to his wife, with a grim smile. "Never mind, dear; let us hold fast to our courage," said Mrs. Draper, trying to speak cheerfully, though there was an ominous quaver in her voice.

"What hurts me most is the thought that Christmas is so close at hand and that there will be no Santa Claus for Bobby."

"Poor, little dear!" said Mrs. Draper. Suddenly she started up with an anxious glance about the room. "I wonder where that child can be? I haven't seen him for at least two hours."

"Oh, don't be alarmed. I dare say he is rummaging about in the cellar or attic or some out-of-the-way closet, and is wholly absorbed in his investigations."

Mr. Draper had hardly finished speaking when Bobby popped into the room, held out a grimy little fist,



and, as he opened the chubby fingers, revealed a twenty-dollar gold piece lying on his upturned palm.

"Money!" gasped Philip. He snatched the coin and examined it critically. "Where did you get this? What does it mean?"

"I found it in the attic!" explained Bobby. "There are lots more there. Come on, I'll show you where."

The next moment the father and mother, each grasping a hand of the frightened youngster, were hastening up the stairs. When they reached the attic the whole astounding truth was laid bare to them. Bobby had been rummaging, as usual, finding a loose brick in the crumbling masonry of the big chimney, he had pulled it out and made a startling discovery.

"I wanted to find out how Santa Claus comes down the chimney," said the boy, regretfully. "I didn't mean to do any harm."

An exclamation from his father interrupted him. Philip, tearing away the bricks to enlarge the opening, had thrust his arm into the cavity and drawn forth two small boxes, accompanied by a shower of yellow coins. Among them was a scrap of paper on which was written:

"I have no heirs, no kith nor kin. This property goes to the finder, and may be enjoyed by it. It consists of \$30,000 in gold and government bonds, and twice that amount in gems."

"JEREMIAH SUGGS."

Bobby was the hero of the hour, and the rejoicing that followed may better be imagined than described. Was it a merry Christmas for the Drapers? Ask Bobby, who firmly believes he found Santa Claus' treasure box.

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Elaine Duncan, reader, assisted by Bess Scott, pianist, Business college tonight. General admission 20c; students 10c.

GIFTS—Watches of every kind. Very low prices at CRANE'S.

The livers of 100 codfish are required to produce a gallon of oil.

Ten years ago the socialists in England numbered only 70,000. It is now said they have one voter in every six.

Vapor gas street lamps of the American type have been installed in the streets of Jerusalem.

GIFTS—Ladies' bags, \$1.50 to \$10. See them at CRANE'S.

GIFTS—Boys' and girls' books. See them at CRANE'S.

Some of the plaster on the ceiling of the first floor of the court house fell Monday morning.

GIFTS—500 books; were \$1.50, now 50c. See them at CRANE'S.

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SPOKE AGAINST RUM

LOCAL SPEAKERS FILL PULPITS IN CHURCHES SUNDAY NIGHT.

LARGE AUDIENCES HEARD

An Active Campaign Begun, Which Indicates Local Option Forces Are Determined to Win.

From the expressions heard Sunday night and the interest taken in the local option campaign now on in Maryville, it looks as if Maryville will vote "dry" on the election day, January 5. Instead of the regular preaching services Sunday night at the Christian, Baptist, First M. E. and M. E. South churches the time was given to talks by local men on the local option issue. Each church service was largely attended.

A representative from The Democrat-Forum was present at each of the churches, and below will be found in part what each of the speakers said.

First Christian Church.

Prof. T. H. Cook of the State Normal school was the first speaker at the First Christian church Sunday night, and spoke on the higher type of citizenship. Prof. Cook said:

"There is no defense to the liquor question, and it is not a debatable question. If all of the church members should do their duty January 5 Maryville would be rid of two such detestable places.

"The Normal school is suffering and the best interests of the city demand that the two saloons be removed. The question should be looked squarely in the face, and it should be the imperative duty of the church people to vote to remove two such institutions from Maryville."

Hon. W. A. Blagg followed Prof. Cook, and said in part:

"The other side is without subject matter, and they have no argument to make. Why don't they dare come here and discuss the question? Because there is only one side to the proposition.

"Don't get too much excited. It's going to win this time, because of the second thought of the best element of Maryville. There is plenty of argument on the local option side. Then why all this noise and furor?

"The revenue question. If the two saloons here were licensed at \$10

apiece there would be no trouble, but such a high license as \$4,200 apiece on the saloons was put there for the purpose of regulating an evil place. There is no tax on the churches. If the saloons were good places why tax them so high?

"Eighty-four hundred dollars a year is paid into the city treasury by the saloons, subsidizing the voters of the city.

"Who are the tax collectors here to the amount of \$8,650? We say you paid us this much and all over that sum is yours. There is enough revenue over to pay them well. The two saloons here are the two tax collectors and they take it from the class of people that are least able to pay for it.

"But you say how are we going to make up this revenue? It is the duty of every citizen to pay in proportion to their wealth, but we shift the responsibility and have the saloons pay us \$8,400. And where does this \$8,400 come from? From the laboring man that works by the week and from the washwoman. It is given to the drams-shops and they turn it over to the city.

"On tag day \$100 was given to the charity fund to feed the hungry of the city, and to think that where that money came from that hunger has been there.

"The trend of the best citizenship today is demanding that the saloons be removed. Are we going to be behind the times?

"In talking to an influential business man in Holt county the other day, he told me that there were seven boys that went away to school and didn't come to Maryville on account of the saloons. There are many others that are not coming here on account of the influences.

"Take your hand off your pocket-book. If you vote 'wet' you vote wrong; if you vote 'dry' you certainly vote right."

First Baptist Church.

At the First Baptist church the speakers were Dean G. H. Colbert of the State Normal and Attorney W. G. Sawyers.

Dean Colbert began by saying that if he was to conduct a class in civics at that time instead of giving his views on the liquor question to be voted on the 5th of January, he would first ask, Why do we vote? He then spoke of the various answers he would probably receive. His answer was, "We vote to protect our homes, for the spirit of '76 is not dead yet, regardless of the fact that there is apparent neglect among the voters in regard to the welfare of their families concerning this question. They are ignorant of its real status. How may we best protect our homes? By voting to secure the things for living or the plan of living that will bring the greatest good to all the people. I heard a man say the other day that if the dry vote would stop all drinking in town his vote would be dry. Does the law against murder stop men from committing that crime? Neither do the laws against other crimes stop altogether the commission of those crimes, but they check their commission and make life safer and happier. Then some men have the idea that their personal liberty will be made less by the adoption of local option. This is the wrong view of liberty. Community life can only exist by placing restraint upon certain kinds of action. I may not burn my own house or barn at will, because of the danger to my neighbors. Other men say that if it did not increase my taxes my vote would be dry. This is the selfish reason. A voter may vote to save a few dollars tax and ruin his own boy or his neighbor's boy. I am a taxpayer. If local option carries my taxes will increase about \$5. I believe I am able to pay that extra \$5 if I am able to own the property. How much should a little higher taxation weigh in comparison to the value of the boys and young men of our town—one boy, even, or one girl's home. The saloon is an evil. It is not a necessary evil. No evil is necessary. It is our business to see to it that everything should be done for the highest good of all; the happiness and welfare of every home in this community should be our chief aim, and our town should be made a safe place for all young people to come here for an education. If Maryville fails to vote out the saloon business we should hang out this advertisement:

"For sale—To the man or men who will annually pay the price, the city of Maryville, Mo., will sell the privilege of ruining the future prospects, the future earnings, the future home, the high ambitions, the good name and the manhood of a young man. The price is \$8,650 per year, whether or not one or a number of young men may be secured by the buyers."

Whose boy shall be sold? (Continued on page 5.)

HOLD MASS MEETING

FARMERS INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL COURSE INVITED.

COMMITTEE TO GET BUSY

Short Course Costing \$2.50 Planned Where as Many as 25 Students From One Locality Take Part.

A meeting of the Commercial club committee to secure the short course in agriculture met Monday morning and D. R. Eversole was elected chairman of the committee and J. F. Hull secretary. A committee composed of Henry Moore, Burman Wells and J. F. Roelofson was appointed to work up list of students who are interested in this work and who will attend.

It was decided at the meeting that a mass meeting of the farmers be called for Saturday afternoon at the court house at 2 o'clock, and all that are interested are requested to attend.

Secretary Hull was instructed to write to the college authorities of the state agricultural department at Columbia for the purpose of finding out what date Maryville could probably get, and asking if they guarantee 100 with possibly 200 students, that the first or second week in February could be secured.

The expense of the course will be a fee of \$2.50 for each student enrolling, which fee will be used by a local committee for paying the expenses of the teachers to and from Columbia, for their hotel expense necessary in conducting a course. If any funds are left over they are to be in the hands of the local committee for use in organizing a course for the next year.

No course will be offered to less than twenty-five students, and since not all communities that apply can be reached, the preference will be given to those who apply first and furnish the largest number of students for the course.

TAG DAY MONEY.

Does Not Belong to the Women of the Charity Board.

The ladies of the charity board of this city, Mrs. G. A. Nash, Mrs. A. R. Perrin and Mrs. J. S. Shinabargar, wish to state that the money secured Saturday by the various lodges of the city by means of tag day, does not belong to them, and those who wish to report cases of need will please bear this in mind. The women have received many calls for help since Saturday evening, and many inquiries from people wishing to report cases where money at this time could be used to advantage. All such cases should be reported to Mayor Robey, chairman of the tag day board.

Took Baby to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White took their youngest daughter to Kansas City Monday morning to be fitted by specialists of that city with a brace for spinal trouble.

\$480 WAS RAISED

TAG DAY MADE CHRISTMAS CERTAIN FOR THE NEEDY.

A FINE CHRISTMAS TREAT

Chickens, Potatoes, Butter, Bread, Beans and Nuts to Be in Christmas Baskets—Have Money Left.

Tag day Saturday resulted in Maryville raising \$480 for the needy of the city. The tin cups were opened at a meeting of the committee held Sunday afternoon at the Elks club and the money counted.

It was also decided at the meeting that each basket given to the poor will contain a chicken, peck of potatoes, half pound of butter, two loaves of bread, one pound of honey, four pounds of beans and nuts. The committee on preparing baskets will be Dr. H. L. Stinson, Clyde Avitt, J. P. Norris and R. F. Wallace.

A vote of thanks was extended to the ladies for their excellent services rendered in collecting the charity fund.

Another meeting of the committee is to be held Monday in Mayor Robey's office. Any information in regard to needy families should be reported to Mayor Robey.

It is expected that some money will be left over from what is used on Christmas day for the baskets, and this will be used during the winter months for fuel and food for the poor.

PLATTS DEFEAT NORMAL.

Local Team Received Their First Defeat Saturday Night.

The State Normal basketball five received their first defeat of the season at the hands of the fast Platts Commercial college team at the Normal gymnasium Saturday night. The result of the game was 47 to 15. However, the score does not indicate the game. Although the Normals were outclassed, they fought the game to the finish. For the visitors Dolan and Smith were the stars, while not enough credit can be given to V. Seymour, the Normals' fast guard. His defensive play was magnificent throughout the game. The line-up:

Normal—H. Seymour, right forward; Vandersloot, left forward; Mitchell, center; V. Seymour, Gault, right guard; McGrew, Taylor, left guard.

Platts—Kewley, right forward; Smith, left forward; Dolan, center; Meadows, right guard; Gregg, left guard.

Summary—Field goals, Smith 7, Dolan 9, Kewley 3, Gregg 1, Vandersloot 3, H. Seymour 1. Free throws, H. Seymour 5, Vandersloot 2, Smith 7. Umpire, Frank Cassidy, St. Joseph high school.

Miss Helen Helpley, Miss Hilda Lahr and Miss Eleanor Smith were valued assistants in Cook's Bazaar Saturday.

DEATH OF MRS. W. S. SWINFORD.

Passed Away at Her Home East of Arkoe Early Monday Morning.

Mrs. William S. Swinford, who has been seriously ill since last March, died at an early hour Monday morning at her home, four miles east of Arkoe. The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Swinford church, near her late home, conducted by Rev. Claude J. Miller of the First Christian church of this city. Interment in Swinford cemetery.

Mrs. Swinford was operated on at St. Francis hospital during the summer months and was a patient there several weeks. Her condition was found to be caused by an incurable malady. She improved some from the operation, but the disease soon began its work again and she patiently bore her sufferings until the end came.

Mrs. Swinford was born in Nodaway county fifty-one years ago. Her maiden name was Mary Ellen Thompson, a pioneer resident of this county. On Thanksgiving day, thirty-five years ago, she was married to William S. Swinford, also a native of this county, both being members of well known families. They went to housekeeping on the farm they had continued to live on ever since. Five children were born to them, four sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Carrie Pasch, died two years ago at her home in North Dakota, leaving a little son, Truman, who is now 4 years old. The little boy made his home with his grandparents, and was the constant companion of his grandmother, who had grieved deeply over the loss of her only daughter. The sons are Dwight Swinford of Arkoe, Arden and Glen of near there, and George Swinford, at home.

Mrs. Swinford was a faithful member of the Christian church. Quiet and unassuming in her ways, one had to know her before they could appreciate the strength and fineness of her character. A good woman has gone to her reward and she will be sadly missed by her husband and sons, to whom she filled to the full her place as wife and mother, and by all who knew her as a friend and neighbor.

WHAT AN OUTSIDE PAPER SAYS

About the Local Option Election to Be Held in Maryville January 5.

The Kansas City Star, in Saturday's issue, had the following about the "dry" campaign in Maryville:

The campaign for a local option election in Maryville January 5 is to become active in the next three weeks.

Special interest is centered in that election. Maryville is the county seat of Nodaway county. It is now the one "wet" spot in the northwest corner of the state, being near the center of an area covered by thirteen "dry" counties. The only other "wet" town in that section is Trenton, Mo., near the outer edge of the dry area on the east.

Another thing out of which the dries are making capital is the fact that a state normal school is situated in Maryville. They are citing the fact that this normal school, with accommodations for 1,200 students, has only 200. The anti-saloon forces are contending that parents in a large dry section of the state refuse to send their children to a state institution located in the only town in that section that has saloons. The Rev. Albert Bushnell, in charge of the headquarters of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League in this city, is to take part in the campaign next week.

Accompanied Mother John.

Master Gerald Schrader, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Schrader of Barnard, spent Saturday and Sunday in Maryville with his aunts, Misses Mary and Hannah Shea. He went to St. Joseph Monday morning with Rev. Mother John of Clyde, who went to that city on a business trip, and spent the day there.

MARCELL'S Advertisement



Christmas Thoughts

Cluster Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Seeded Raisins, Clean Currants, Walnut Meats, Pecan Meats, Almond Meats, Pistachio Meats. All kinds of nuts in shell. Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake.

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COURT IN SESSION

SPECIAL TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT WITH ELLISON ON BENCH.

JUDGE PEERY TUESDAY

Three Cases Resulted in Findings for Plaintiffs—Judge Peery to Hear Equity Cases.

A special term of circuit court is being held Monday with Judge W. C. Ellison on the bench, and several motions for new trial and other cases were taken up by the court.

In the perfect title case of John O'Connor vs. James Charles O'Connor et al., a decree was given for the plaintiff.

In the partition suit of Robert E. Snodgrass vs. Sarah Jane Morgan et al., a decree was given for the sale of the land.

In the case of the Bankers Reserve Life company vs. Henry Brunk on a note, it was presented to the court on an agreed statement of facts, and finding was found for the plaintiff.

The case of James Borchers vs. Joseph Brewer, an injunction suit, will be argued Thursday before the court by the attorneys. The case comes from Andrew county.

The case of the state vs. Her Maines will be brought up late this afternoon. Ned Holmes will also be arraigned at this time on a charge of stealing the pocketbook at the Wabash depot from Miss Mary L. Meeker.

Court will be in session Tuesday, when J. Woodson Peery of Albany will sit as special judge in several cases. The cases to come up before Judge Peery will be W. H. Riffle vs. Mary K. Riffle, to set aside a deed; Elizabeth Growney vs. Patrick J. O'Donnell et al., to set aside a deed, and the state vs. Mollie Lewis.

Thursday Judge Ellison will hold court and several motions will be disposed of.

CONCERT TUESDAY NIGHT.

Normal Quartet to Give Their Benefit at the First M. E. Church.

Miss Marie Jones, who will assist the State Normal quartet in its benefit concert Tuesday night at the First M. E. church, arrived in Maryville Sunday morning. She has been on a concert tour for several months with the Jane Wraite Concert company of Chicago. She has had a very successful tour and is in splendid health and voice. She did not miss a concert, although this is her first experience in that trying work.

Miss Jones will give several solo numbers while the quartet will present a delightful and varied program of quartet music.

Gifts—Sterling silver and ebony goods. See them at CRANE'S.

The Weather

Unsettled weather with snow to night or Tuesday.

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MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

ORIGIN OF "BROTHER JONATHAN"

It Goes Back to the Revolutionary War to a Colonial Governor.

The origin of this term as applied to the United States is as follows: When General Washington, after being appointed commander of the army of the revolutionary war, went to Massachusetts to organize it he found a great want of ammunition and other means of defense; and on one occasion it seemed that no means could be devised for the necessary safety.

Jonathan Trumbull, the elder, was the governor of the state of Connecticut; and the general, placing the greatest reliance on his excellency's judgment, remarked: "We must consult Brother Jonathan on the subject." The general did so, and the governor was successful in supplying many of the wants of the army; thenceforward, when difficulties arose, and the army was spread over the country it became a by-phrase, "We must consult Brother Jonathan;" and the name has now become a designation for the whole country, as John Bull has for England. —O. C. Bombaugh, Gleanings for the Curious.

HELPFUL WORDS

From a Maryville Citizen.

If your back lame and painful? Does it ache especially after exertion?

Is there a soreness in the kidney region?

These symptoms indicate weak kidneys.

There is danger in delay.

Weak kidneys fast get weaker.

Give your trouble prompt attention.

Doan's Kidney Pills act quickly.

They strengthen weak kidneys.

Read this Maryville testimony:

Mrs. M. Lahr, 212 West Fifth street, Maryville, Mo., says: "I cannot say

too much in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills. This excellent remedy promptly

relieved me of backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble. During

the several years that have since passed I have had no return attack of my complaint. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a specific for kidney dis-

ease."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

GIFTS—Necklaces and lockets. See them at CRANE'S.

A LAND OF FAIR WOMEN.

Province of Georgia Noted For Its Beauties—Repose is the Great Secret.

For seven hundred years the memory of one queen has remained beautiful, lovable, fresh in the mind of her subjects and their descendants. For seven hundred years the women of one country have had only one woman for a model, a guide, and an example, and for seven hundred years these women have made and retained a reputation for beauty, trustworthiness and virtue.

To have swayed the women of a nation for only a few years is wonderful, to have left behind a reputation absolutely unsullied and beautiful, after having reigned as queen, is still more wonderful, but to have molded the lives of hundreds of women and made them more beautiful is to have performed a task that few on earth can accomplish.

The influence of Queen Tamara of Georgia has lasted for seven hundred years. Perhaps you have never even heard of Georgia, but if you have heard of it, you have also heard of the beautiful women of Georgia, for its chief claim to fame is its women, who are noted for their comeliness.

At present Georgia is a Russian province, but its history is a tempestuous one. Its history since the third century is known. Pharnovoz ruled as the first king. In 1089 David II was the ruler, and it was with his reign that the glory of power and fame came to the little kingdom. David claimed to be descended direct from David the Psalmist, and the royal coat of arms of Georgia contained a harp and a sling. Following the rule of David II came one hundred years of prosperity.

In 1184 Queen Tamara was made queen. She succeeded her father. Her reign lasted for twenty-eight years and these years were the happiest and most glorious of the country. She was surrounded by wise counselors and brave generals. Her own virtues made her able to rule well and wisely and she did not forget her home, even when she ruled. She was a diplomat and had little talents of no mean order. She was a beautiful type of womanhood that one might expect to find in western Europe, but hardly in a little country standing among the wild hordes of Asia.

Writers have called Georgia the "land of wine, women and song," for its fame rests upon its beautiful women. Even today, although little is

known about Georgia, the women are still as beautiful as in the golden age.

They remember the wise teachings of Queen Tamara. They are strong, erect and dignified. They have fine eyes, which express trust and understanding. They are thinkers and home makers. They are fair to look upon and lovable. An old proverb says "The Armenian's soul is in his head, but the Georgian's is in his eyes."

Georgia, "Trans-Caucasia," is today a good place for a holiday. One almost forgets that one must have a passport, for one is seldom if ever put to the inconvenience of producing it.

The beautiful Tamara was the inspiration and theme of many of the works of the poet Rostavelli, in which he sang of her grace and beauty. This was particularly true of his greatest work, "The Leopard's Skin," which became the national epic. Everyone read it and learned by heart its most beautiful passages. Its proverbs, its quaint, wise sayings have been current among the people of Georgia from that time to this day. The influence of many of Rostavelli's teachings was most apparent in its effect on the women of the country. He advanced the idea that women should have equal right and privileges with men, and in an age when women in general had no legal property or social rights it is astonishing to read of the privileges enjoyed by the Georgian women in all ranks of life.

The peasant women were not allowed to work in the fields or to perform heavy tasks suitable only to the strength of men.

The modern traveler in the Caucasus is constantly struck by the universal refinement, beauty and aristocratic bearing of the Georgian women everywhere. They seem to retain the imprint of the past glory of the country. Particularly is this true of women of middle age, who are most remarkable for their grace and youthful appearance.

It is well known that they employ neither paint nor powder nor face massage, and one instinctively feels that it must be the influence of the spirit within that produces the clear complexion, the regularity of features, the noble repose of countenance to be observed among even the peasant women of today.

It is certain that nowhere on earth does the traveler find women who live such well regulated lives—whose courage, fortitude and poise are such that they carry on all the business of life without the stress and nervous strain that render the lives of most modern

women such a burden. Is it any wonder that the name of Tamara is cherished like that of a patron saint among these people?

So greatly was she appreciated for her rare qualities of mind and heart, her piety, her intellect, her heroic deeds, and her labors for the public good, that she was given the masculine title of Emperor Tamar as a mark of especial esteem.

The old chronicles contain many stories of this famous queen of the middle ages. But upon nothing do they dwell so repeatedly as upon her great beauty.—Chicago Tribune.

GRANDMOTHERS' SECRET.

Look Young by Preserving the Color of the Hair With Sage and Sulphur.

It is easier to preserve the color of the hair than to restore it, although it is possible to do both. Our grandmothers understood the secret. They made a "sage tea," and their dark, glossy hair long after middle life was due to this fact. Our mothers have gray hairs before they are 50, but they are beginning to appreciate the wisdom of our grandmothers in using "sage tea" for their hair and are fast following suit.

The present generation has the advantage of the past in that it can get a ready-to-use preparation called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy. As a scalp tonic and color restorer this preparation is vastly superior to the ordinary "sage tea" made by our grandmothers.

This remedy is sold under guarantee that the money will be refunded if it fails to do exactly as represented.

If your hair is losing color or coming out, start using Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur today, and see what a change it will make in a few days' time.

This preparation is offered to the public at fifty cents a bottle, and is recommended and sold by all druggists. Special agents, Koch Pharmacy.

GIFTS—Silk umbrellas, \$2.50 to \$15.00. See them at CRANE'S.

"Yellow" Holmes Arrested. "Yellow" Holmes was arrested Saturday night by Sheriff Tilson and will be held in jail for several days. It is said that Holmes had a gun with him on this night, but Sheriff Tilson was unable to find it.

GIFTS—Pictures for everybody. See them at CRANE'S.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

To Be Held in the Court House and Local Option Question Discussed.

A public meeting is to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the circuit court room and everybody is invited. Speeches will be made by S. G. Gillam and L. C. Cook and others. They will talk on the temperance question.

Special music for the meeting will be given under the direction of Prof. H. J. Becker.

GIRLS TO LEARN TO SHOOT.

Young Women in a Chicago Suburb Prepare to Protect Themselves.

Alarmed by the spread of crime in Tracy during the past few weeks, several young women in the Chicago suburb have joined the Tracy Protective association and have made arrangements to have a shooting gallery started in the gymnasium of Ridge hall so that they can use the revolvers which they will carry as members of the protective association.

Misses Mildred J. Lyon, Betty Hill and Lucile Braddock are the new women members of the organization. Miss Jean Mowat and Dr. Agnes V. Fuller joined the association when it was started.

More women are expected to join the protective association as the result of an announcement made by Frank M. Fairfield, the president, that it would not be necessary for the women to carry revolvers. Some of the women, who said that they would rather be robbed than carry a "horrid, nasty revolver," are now arming themselves with potato mashers, butcher knives and an array of other feminine weapons, designed to strike terror into the stoutest burglar.—Chicago Record-Herald.

GIFTS—Rings in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

Work Commenced on Ninth Street.

Workmen commenced Monday morning grading Ninth street, which is to be opened to the Normal grounds. The work was started by the Wabash.

Mayor Robey also contracted for a sidewalk to be built on Dunn street, which is to be paid by the Wabash.

More girls in Alabama are employed in gainful occupations than in any other state in this country.

GIFTS—Fobs and chains for gents and ladies. See them at CRANE'S.

Today's Markets

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—32,000. Market 10c lower. Estimate tomorrow, 6,000.

Hogs—58,000. Market 15c lower; top, \$6.25. Estimate tomorrow, 28,000.

Sheep—40,000. Market 10c lower.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—7,500. Market 10c lower.

Hogs—12,000. Market 10c lower; top, \$6.15.

Sheep—8,000. Market 10c lower.

ST. JOSEPH.

Cattle—12,000. Market higher.

Hogs—5,000. Market 5c lower; top, \$6.20.

Sheep—1,000. Market 10c lower.

AWAY GOES CATARRH AND BAD COLDS

Ely's Cream Balm Cures Sore Nose and Throat, Catarrhal Headaches and Colds.

No matter how bad your catarrh, how much your head aches, or how miserable you are with a cold in the head, nostrils stopped up, hawking, spitting, bad breath, you always get immediate relief by using Ely's Cream Balm.

Don't let your entire system be poisoned by the deadly catarrh germ which, sooner or later, causes complete decay of bone and tissue. The continual dropping of the germ infected discharge down the throat leads to catarrh of the stomach and bowels.

Get a 50-cent bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist today, and you will get relief a few minutes after using it. Your headache and cold will vanish, and in a short time you will be completely rid of catarrh. Where a spray is needed, ask for Ely's (Liquid) Cream Balm. Give it to the children for colds and croup. It is perfectly harmless.

GIFTS—Calendars and Xmas post cards. See them at CRANE'S.

The best potatoes grown in America are produced in Colorado. They sell at 5 cents apiece.

GIFTS—Brooches and bracelets. Big line. See them at CRANE'S.



THE UMBRELLA DANCE.

Lu Madama Sherry, at Empire Theater, Wednesday Evening, Dec. 20.

AWAY GOES CATARRH.

Breathe Soothing, Healing Hyomel—
Relief in Five Minutes.

Where there's catarrh there's thousands of catarrh germs. You can't get rid of catarrh unless you kill these germs.

You can't kill these germs with stomach medicine or sprays or douches, because you can't get where they are.

You can kill these germs with Hyomel a penetrating antiseptic air that you breathe a few times a day directly over the raw, sore, germ infested membrane.

For catarrh, asthma, croup, coughs, cold and catarrhal deafness Hyomel is sold on money back plan by the Oregon-Henry Drug Co. Complete outfit \$1.00. Extra bottles of Hyomel, if afterward needed, only 50 cents. Remember, Hyomel does not contain morphine, cocaine or any drug that could possibly do harm.

Facing a Famine.

An untimely biting frost effectually completed the mischief done earlier by the insect enemies of Mr. Barden's potatoes. The tops of the plants, which had served as pasturage for the pests, were entirely destroyed, and with them Mr. Barden's hopes of a crop.

He was not selfish, however, and

could think of others in the hour of adversity. Going to town in the afternoon he was accosted at the postoffice by James Haych, an intimate acquaintance.

"Hello, Giles! How's everything up to the corners?"

"Trouble enough, Jim, trouble enough!" was the gloomy response. "Ten million 'tater bugs, and nothing for 'em to eat!"—Youth's Companion.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The township tax books are now in my hands for collection, and I will be found at Captain Hyslop's office, first door west of the Ream hotel. Taxes are now due and payable.

HENRY WESTFALL,
Township Collector.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

VETERANS NOW
RULE IN CUBA

Suspend Civil Service Law to Get Rid
of "Offensive Partisans."

BAR ALL BUT PATRIOTIC CUBANS

Should Gomez Oppose New Law,
"Reconcentration" May Again
Fill Havana With Armed Men
From All Over the Island.

Havana, Dec. 18.—While the movement of the revolutionary veterans for the exclusion from public office of all men formerly hostile to the cause of "free Cuba" has not let up, the agitation seems now to present a less dangerous aspect. The veterans, numerous and well organized, and having behind them strong public sympathy, have been able to bring the government to a compliance with all their demands.

The belief is expressed here that had their demands not been acceded to the veterans were in a position to make a demonstration of such force that the government would have had to give heed. It is believed the army would have stood by the veterans, and that doubtless influenced President Gomez in moderating his opposition.

One result of these conditions has been the adoption by congress of a bill suspending the action of the civil service law for six months. It will permit the president to weed out all office holders obnoxious to the veterans. While the leaders of the veterans are willing to trust President Gomez to purge the civil service of all enemies of "free Cuba," the mass of their followers are now insisting on the adoption of a law making forever ineligible to public office any except Cubans of approved patriotism.

The proposal is meeting with opposition on the ground that it is unconstitutional and undemocratic, and calculated to exclude from the service of the country citizens who have been guilty of no other offense than of formerly holding political opinions hostile to the separation of Cuba from Spain.

But the veterans are not disposed to abate their demands. Indications are that congress and President Gomez will yield to them. But should that not be the case, the veterans are believed to be planning what they term a "reconcentration," or gathering of veterans in Havana from all parts of the islands.

That would mean the presence in the city of a large body of men, many bearing arms, and it doubtless would constitute a menace to public order. However, the leaders of the veterans will not bring about this "reconcentration," except as a last resort.

So far the veterans' movement has been conducted in a most orderly manner, except in some country districts, where local officials have been compelled to resign and where a few personal encounters have taken place, or a few threats of lynching made.

Stock Yards Charges Too High.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 18.—At a meeting of live stock shippers and breeders of this vicinity, held in the courthouse, resolutions proposing drastic action toward the National Live Stock exchange, East St. Louis, Ill., in event the live stock commission charges are raised, were adopted. The charges in the East St. Louis yards are higher than on any other market in the country and shippers declared that an increase would be extortionate.

No Special Session.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 18.—Gov. Marion E. Hay has declined to call a special session of the legislature for the enactment of a presidential preference primary bill.

STOPPED WORK ON NEW HOTEL

Dispute Between Builder and Operator Delay Completion of Elms at Excelsior Springs.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 18.—Work on the Elms hotel has been stopped and when it will be resumed is a matter of conjecture, as the contractor, Godfrey Swenson, has not been paid money due, and will not do any more work until his account is settled. The last certificate of \$18,000 was turned down a week ago, but Mr. Swenson continued the work in the hope of a settlement and also to finish the fifth floor of the main wing, thus protecting the work done on the floors below. The east wing of the big building already is under roof and only one floor of the main wing remains. It was hoped to finish the east wing by the end of next week.

"We are ready to resume work at any time when our certificates are honored," was Mr. Swenson's only comment.

The trouble arose between the builders of the hotel, J. H. White and I. G. Ringolsky, and the prospective operators, Willis Wood and John Emke. The disagreement started over payment of the commission on \$150,000 to be borrowed from the Mississippi Valley Trust company.

Gifts—Clocks, \$1.00 to \$30.00. See them at CRANE'S.



make records only for the Victor

You can have all these great artists
sing for you in your own home

The world's greatest singers to provide an evening of music for yourself and friends—whenever you wish, as often as you wish.

A performance such as is never even witnessed in the world's greatest opera houses—no management could afford to pay the thousands and thousands of dollars necessary to engage all these artists for a single performance, even if such a thing was possible.

And yet you can command their services on the Victor and have them sing their greatest arias—and enjoy their voices just as much as though you heard them in person.

Come in and hear these famous singers, and let us show you the different styles of the Victor (\$10 to \$100) and the Victor-Victrola (\$15 to \$250).

FIELD-LIPPMAN

JESSE FRENCH PIANO CO.
120 West Third Street



OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.

Maryville Lodge, No. 165, A. F. and A. M., Selects Officers for the
Ensuing Year.

Election of officers was held Saturday night by Maryville lodge, No. 165, A. F. and A. M. The following were chosen:

Eldon W. Irvin, W. M.
James F. Cook, S. W.
J. E. Bailey, J. W.
Fred W. Smith, secretary.
George B. Baker, treasurer.
After the election a banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Gifts—Diamonds, \$10 to \$300. See them at CRANE'S.

Some of the plaster on the ceiling of the first floor of the court house fell Monday morning.

Gifts—Toilet sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00. See them at CRANE'S.

For
"His"
Xmas

Men like things they can wear—that are in good taste—and that come from a man's store. Our efforts this year are rewarded by the best array of gift goods we've ever bought, including a handsome line of

SILK HOSIERY
NECKWEAR
SUSPENDERS
MUFFLERS, ETC.

These are merely a few suggestions. You'll find many more—but we suggest an early call while stocks are large.

M. Nusbaum

Beautiful Flowers

There is nothing more appropriate and nothing more beautiful to demonstrate the right feeling at Xmas time than beautiful flowers. A few appropriate flowers or a nice plant which we will deliver for you safely and promptly with your card will show a true regard for your friends and acquaintances. With the largest and choicest selection of cut flowers, plants, wreaths, etc., in many appropriate arrangements, also holly, mistletoe, trees, etc., that we have ever had. We expect to be able to take care of all orders, large or small, and all will receive the same careful attention. Make personal selection or write or phone us your wants.

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1201 South Main Street.
Hanamo 17 1-3, Bell 126.

Supply Your Christmas Gift List
at a Small Expenditure at
COOK'S BAZAAR

Burnt Wood
Stationery in Christmas
Boxes
Dolls
Fancy Neckwear
Hand Bags
Handkerchiefs

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Christmas Cards and Seals
Fancy Queensware
Post Card Albums
Go Carts
Hobby Horses
Gloves

and many other items excellent for gifts at a very small cost.

Special on Christmas Candy

3 lb. Fine Mixed Candy 25c
20 Sticks of Candy 5c

112 WEST THIRD STREET

LADIES' MILITARY BAND

will sell home made candy at the Field-Lippman Store.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20. Music by Miss Nash's Juvenile Orchestra.

Christmas Candies, Fruits and Nuts
At MARK'S, South Side Square
FINE BOX CANDIES, CHOCOLATES, CREAMS & Fancy Candies

Gifts—Hand-painted china plates, 75c and \$1.29. See them at CRANE'S.
W. C. Frank went to Kansas City Saturday morning on business.

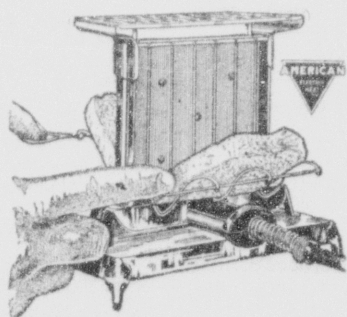
Gifts—Sterling silver tableware. Low prices at CRANE'S.

Gifts—Complete stock of kodaks. See them at CRANE'S.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.
WM. EVERHART.

Do You Like Toast
Hot?

If so, toast your bread on your table with an Electric Toaster. Makes perfect toast, quick and convenient.



Price \$3.50

An ideal Christmas present. We also have electric stoves, chafing dishes, irons, warming pads, etc. Ask us.

Maryville Electric
Light & Power
Company

Hanamo 21 1-2 Empire Theatre Bldg Bell 35 1-2

An Appropriate Gift

An appropriate and acceptable gift for a mother, wife, sister or particular lady friend is a dainty packet of engraved or printed visiting cards, or a box of correspondence cards.

Just the proper things for gifts. Give us your order and be assured we will carefully and promptly fill it in the correct style.

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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

We take pleasure in answering at face and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that the faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON"

"115 West Ninety-fifth Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, no infant in his intellect, as compared

with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus? It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! He lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—He will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.—New York Sun.

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

POULTRY SHOW WILL PROBABLY LAST A WEEK.

SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS

An Additional List of Those Winning Special Prizes at Show Completed Saturday.

The poultry show came to a close Saturday evening, this year's show being the best one yet given by the association. A meeting of the association members was to be held Saturday afternoon, but on account of the large attendance of the show on that day it will be held at a later date.

Plans will be made to have next year's show longer, probably a week. John Gross won the state association ribbon in the Mediterranean class for the best cockerel.

Other special prizes given by the merchants of the city were announced late Saturday afternoon and were won by the following:

For the largest display of birds by lady, Mrs. C. C. Smith won the lady's handbag offered by Charles Love.

For the second largest display of birds, Mrs. Heaton won the lady's pair of shoes given by J. M. Smith.

For the third largest display of birds by lady, Mrs. A. A. Wiley won the lady's hat given by McCrary & McCrary.

For the fourth largest display of birds by lady, Mrs. J. H. Saylor won the set of cups given by Hotchkiss's variety store.

To the person exhibiting the largest number of birds scoring 90 points or better, J. D. Jones won \$5 worth of trade merchandise offered by Alderman Dry Goods company.

To the person exhibiting the second largest number, O. A. Bennett won the offer of H. T. Crane for one picture.

To the person exhibiting the third largest number, D. C. Moler of Bedford won the 100 pounds of chop feed given by Childrean & Son.

For the largest display of birds by gentleman, J. W. Shroyer won the hat given by Corwin & Murrin.

For the second largest display, F. P. Robinson won the hat given by the Toggery shop.

For the third largest display, F. W. Olney won the rawhide whip given by Wadley Bros.

For the highest scoring birds, J. D. Jones won the one dozen pictures from F. R. Marcell.

For the heaviest weight chicken, Mrs. Heaton won the one pair of shoes given by the Bee Hive.

For the best pen of S. C. R. I. Reds, Virgil Rathbun won the pair of gloves given by the Anderson Clothing company.

For exhibiting the best pen of Black Langshans, Mrs. Heaton won the velvet hat given by Mrs. Cora Trullinger.

For exhibiting the largest pair of turkeys, Mrs. C. E. Groves of Skidmore won the center table given by the Maryville Furniture company.

For exhibiting the largest pair of ducks, Mrs. James Hook won the picture given by Price & McNeal.

For the largest number of varieties exhibited by one person, F. W. Olney won the set of ice cream spoons given by Raines Bros.

For the largest number, Mrs. James Hook won the nickel plated coffee pot given by Hudson & Welch.

For exhibiting the largest number by any boy under 15 years, Goff Crawford won the football given by M. A. Turner.

For exhibiting the largest number of bantams, James B. Robinson, Jr., won the three pounds of candy given by F. P. Rouillard.

For exhibiting the highest scoring bantam, James B. Robinson, Jr., won the 2-pound box of candy given by Seller & Neal.

For the best bird in the American class, Mrs. J. H. Saylor won \$2, given by Field-Lippman.

For best bird in the Mediterranean class, J. D. Jones won the pair of blankets given by D. R. Eversole & Son.

For best R. I. Reds in show, Virgil Rathbun won the sweater given by M. Nusbaum.

For the best Barred Rock, R. F. Wallace won the package of Pratt's poultry food given by Wm. Everhart.

For the best Orpington, E. L. Andrews won the fancy dish given by Cook's bazaar.

For best Wyandotte, Miss Emma Jensen won the package of poultry feed given by Koch's pharmacy.

For best Plymouth Rock, D. C. Moler of Bedford won one package of poultry food given by T. J. Parle.

For the best male, female and pen of R. C. W. Leghorns, Joe Kemp won setting of R. C. W. Leghorn eggs given by John S. Gross.

GIFTS—Cut glass in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

Oh My! How we do Hate to Leave

Any of Those Beautiful Christmas Presents Swell--Nifty--Gorgeous--So Practical--So Reasonable

But we can only buy what we can afford, and must leave the balance of these sensible and pretty gifts for others.

Gee! Don't I Wish "Pa" or "Hubby Dear" owned a National Bank

Such was the comments of the majority of the Lady Christmas Shoppers when making their selections from

BERNEY HARRIS

Maryville's Leading Clothier

Notwithstanding last week's liberal Holiday purchasing—the assortment of "useful and exceptionally nice" presents is still large.

Those who have not already purchased are invited to make their selections from any of the following sensible gifts

- Swell Lounging Robes
- Bath Robe
- Smoking Jacket
- Box Holeproof Sox
- Black Fur Cap
- John B. Stetson Hat
- Silk Reefer Muffler
- Worsted Knit Mufflers
- Combination Set Hose and Tie
- Silk Four-in-hand
- Silk Suspenders
- Ferguson McKinney Shirt
- Black, Gray or Tan Kid Gloves
- Fur Lined Mocha Gloves, or Wool Lined Fur Gauntlets
- Black Martin or Bearskin Mittens
- Electric Seal Fur Lined Gloves
- Coat Watch Fobs
- Combination Scarf Pin and Retainer
- Combination Cuff Button and Pins
- "Alligator" English Gladstone, or
- Black Walrus Traveling Bag

Berney Harris

Maryville's Leading Clothier

TORNADO WRECKS JAP WAR SHIP

Crew of Vessel Sing National Anthem as Their Boat Takes Them Under.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 16.—Going to death singing the national anthem and shouting "banzais" for their emperor, 95 of the crew of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Harusamo went down with the war vessel November 24, according to advices brought by the steamer Panama Maru.

Stories of the 15 survivors, as officially communicated to the admiralty by the commander of the destroyer Isonami are dramatic.

The Harusamo, which was caught in a hurricane in the inland sea, started for Wakanoura in distress, the vessel swinging with force in the tremendous sea.

The commander sought to make Matoya Island. The destroyer was unmanageable, however, and an hour later dashed on a reef.

The Harusamo slowly foundered. When the end was near the crew gathered at the bridge and continued singing the national anthem and shouting banzais until the seas swept them away.

Returns Slow in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 16.—Though the election for Arizona's first set of state officials, two United States senators and one representative, was held last Tuesday, only five of the 14 counties had been heard from at Democratic and Republican state headquarters here. Leaders said they had no hope of getting the complete vote before another week. The Republican campaign managers concede the election of the Democratic ticket, but dispute the size of the majorities claimed by Chairman Birdne.

The noblemen in Europe who have American wives number about 500.

News of Society and Womens' Clubs

Mrs. Roseberry Hostess.

The Tourists of the Twentieth Century club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. B. Roseberry. Mrs. G. H. Colbert will lead the study.

Young Ladies' Mission Circle.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the First Christian church was entertained Saturday afternoon by Miss Nellie Douglass at her home, on East First street. Mrs. Frank Garrett was the leader of the afternoon's study on the country of Jamaica. Mrs. Charles Bell read a paper concerning the country, Miss Bessie Curnutt read of its people, and Miss Lois Halley told of the C. W. B. M. in Jamaica. A letter was read to the society from Mrs. H. A. Denton, the wife of a former pastor of the Christian church, now living in Troy, N. Y. Mrs. Denton was the organizer of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle, and her letters to them at stated periods are always highly interesting and entertaining. Miss Litta Roelofson sang a solo at the close of the program. A short business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. J. S. Shindler, when three new members were taken in—Miss Fannie Hope, Miss Maud Hagins and Mrs. Ellis G. Cook. A social hour followed and the hostess served refreshments.

Gave Shower for Bride-to-Be.

A company of the girl friends of Miss Neola Thummel of Parnell, who

has been attending the Conservatory of Music, gave her a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Edward T. Godsey Saturday afternoon in recognition of her approaching marriage to Mr. Frank Reavis of the Bee Hive shoe store of this city, which will occur Sunday, December 24. Miss Thummel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thummel of Parnell and is quite popular in Maryville, where she has been a student for two years. Mrs. Godsey was assisted in entertaining and serving her guests by Miss Verda Miller, Miss Lucy Griffin, Miss Ola Smith and Miss Ellen Rowlette. The other guests were Misses Mary and Grace O'Brien, Miss Mary McCall, Miss Charlotte Murrin, Miss Goldie Adcock, Miss Lillian O'Brien, Misses Verda, Frances and Mabel Miller, Miss Lucy Griffith, Miss Jessie Mingus, Miss Cora Thummel, Miss Ola Smith, Misses Bess and Ellen Rowlette of Maitland, Miss Maud Tarpley, Miss Nelle Beardsley of Parnell, and Miss Belle Roof of Conception.

Elaine Duncan, reader, assisted by Bess Scott, pianist, Business college tonight. General admission 20c; students 10c.

GIFTS—Parisian Ivory. Great line. See them at CRANE'S.

WANTED—Everybody to attend the shooting match at Pete Myers', 1½ miles south of town, Friday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock. Get a chance on the 250-pound pig. 15-20

Elaine Duncan, reader, assisted by Bess Scott, pianist, Business college tonight. General admission 20c; students 10c.

Store Open Nights Until After Christmas

Gifts that are Practical and Useful

Ladies' Ready Made Dresses Reduced One-Half

We carry no dresses over to be sold next season but old style. The garments we offer are new styles bought this season—but the dresses we have not sold must be sold before inventory, and in order to give Christmas buyers some real bargains we offer you selection of any dress at just HALF PRICE. Absolutely no dresses restricted. This means you can buy a

\$40.00 Dresses for.....	\$20.00
35.00 Dresses for.....	17.50
30.00 Dresses for.....	15.00
25.00 Dresses for.....	12.50
20.00 Dresses for.....	10.00
15.00 Dresses for.....	7.50

Wool and Cotton Blankets

Do not forget the reductions. All wool blankets ONE FOURTH OFF—all cotton blankets above \$1.00 in price ten per cent off.

We know that it is not very cold now, but it is going to get cold—so why not take advantage of these reductions and buy what you need for future use.

A Few Useful Gift Suggestions

Carpet Sweepers	Waists
Rugs	Silk Hose
Blankets	Table Linens and Napkins
Sweaters	Fine Towels
Knit Caps and Toques	Neckwear
Mufflers	Gloves
Handkerchiefs	Umbrellas
Silk Scarfs	
Furs	

Remember—this is the last week of our DECEMBER CLEARANCE SALE. You can buy dress goods—silks—blankets—underwear, table linens, rugs, carpets—all ready to wear goods—at greatly reduced prices.

D. R. EVERSOLE & SON

We Are Fixed to Handle All Christmas Grocery

Orders With Satisfaction

The stock is complete. Our reduced prices on all Holiday Groceries enable you to supply the table better and for less money.

Tuesday and Wednesday

16 lbs fine GRANULATED SUGAR for \$1.00
Best NORTHERN POTATOES, per bushel \$1.00
\$2.40 for sack of 2½ bushels.
SUGAR CURED PIG HAMS, lb. 15c
SUGAR CURED LARGE HAMS, lb 15c
SUGAR CURED PICNIC HAMS, lb 12c

OUR TURKEYS ARE THE BEST CORN-FED BIRDS, AND JUST THE RIGHT SIZE.

Best quality BUTTER, lb. 25c
Fresh COUNTRY EGGS, doz. 25c
Fancy CREAM PATENT FLOUR, per sack, \$1.25; cwt. \$2.45
Fresh COCONUTS, 2 for. 15c
Fine MALAGA GRAPES, only. 20c
ANGEL'S MARSHMALLOWS, 2 boxes 15c
No. 1 CRANBERRIES, 3 quarts. 35c
Fresh WALNUT STUFFED DATES, per lb 20c
2 lbs new SALTED PEANUTS. 25c
10-lb sacks PURE BUCKWHEAT. 45c
Long John cans WEDDING BREAKFAST MAPLE SYRUP. 75c

Long Island BLUE POINT OYSTERS, in the shell, only 10c dozen; 3 dozen 25c

Washington NAVEL ORANGES, per doz 25c, 25c and 45c
Peck BLACK WALNUTS. 20c
10 lbs No. 1 CABBAGE. 25c
SWEET POTATOES, 6 lbs for. 25c
Large RED ONIONS, 6 lbs for. 25c
Peck TURNIPS 10c
Extra large CELERY 10c
No. 1 BANANAS, doz. 20c
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Billy's Christmas Greeting

By EUGENIA RABBAS

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O I am a heartless flirt, who doesn't understand the meaning of the word love, am I, Mr. William Dunning?" stormed Marjorie all to herself, in answer to the final decree of rage and defiance which that gentleman hurled at her by means of a vigorous slam of the front door.

"I believe he would have shaken me, if he hadn't rushed out in time to prevent himself from doing it," she continued, the ever ready dimples venturing out of their hiding places, but she banished them severely. "I'll never, never forgive him, even though he asks me to, which of course, he won't! And he calls me stubborn!"

Next morning Marjorie was tremendously busy wrapping up dainty little parcels, for the next day was Christmas, and her many friends must be remembered, in spite of quarrels and Billy.

Still, she seemed very much preoccupied over her work, and quite suddenly she threw aside the piece of



holly she had been toying with, and fairly flew to the telephone.

In answer to her impatient summons, she was quickly connected with Brown & Co.'s book store. "Have you sent out those books that were ordered for Mr. William Dunning?" she asked anxiously.

The answer evidently pleased her, for she breathed a sigh of relief. "That's all right; I'm glad you haven't, for I have changed my mind about them. Please cancel the order."

Marjorie hung up the receiver with an air of triumph. "There, I'm glad I thought of that! Billy would have construed a Christmas present into an abject apology," she said, her indignation rising at the very thought of such a thing.

But when she went back to her parcels and picked up the little twig of holly she had intended tucking away into one of them, her face softened. "I know that isn't the right kind of a Christmas spirit to have, but I can't have Billy thinking that I am admitting I was wrong, when I know I wasn't," she argued with herself.

The joyous ringing of Christmas bells and merry shouts of her younger sisters and brothers, when they discovered their stockings the next morning, only served to emphasize her depression.

"Billy never loved me; if he really and truly did he never could treat me like this," she told herself as she stood looking with unseeing eyes at the snowy Christmas world.

Just then a young man, fairly tearing around the corner, arrested her attention. It was no less a person than Billy himself who was coming, post haste, to see her.

Marjorie looked at him in wonder. What had come over Billy? Why this sudden contrition, when, she admitted it now for the first time, given to herself she had been greatly, if not altogether, to blame for their quarrel.

"O, Billy, I am so glad you came," Billy took some little time to emphasize his appreciation of her welcome.



then "Glad I came? Why wouldn't I come, dear?" he asked.

"Because you vowed you wouldn't unless I apologized," Marjorie explained mischievously.

"You didn't think I'd be so narrow and unforgiving as to ignore your dear little peace offering? I brought one of the books with me to read something to you," he told her, and diving into his pocket he produced a little copy of "Romeo and Juliet."

Marjorie was surprised for a second, then it flashed over her what it all meant. Brown & Co. had forgotten to cancel her order and Billy had received the books. Billy had construed her sending them into a humble plea for forgiveness.

He most probably wouldn't have come at all if it hadn't been for that. She stiffened visibly and all her love was swallowed up in a wave of rebellious pride.

"You are mistaken," she commenced coldly, but Billy interrupted her. "Here, I have found it."

"My bounty is as boundless as the sea,

My love as deep, the more I give to thee."

"The more I have, for both are infinite," he was reading, and the simple beauty of the lines awoke something in Marjorie stronger than pride or resentment and she only smiled when he added tenderly: "My Christmas greeting to you, dear."

2 SUITS DISMISSED

DAMAGE CASES OF MR. AND MRS. S. K. LASLEY DISMISSED.

EACH WAS FOR \$10,000

Alleged Mispractice Cases From Clearmont Will Not Be Tried in Circuit Court.

Two suits amounting to \$20,000 filed in October against Dr. W. B. Heryford of Clearmont, was dismissed last week by S. K. Lasley, the plaintiff in one, and by Mrs. S. K. Lasley, the plaintiff in the other.

The suit filed by S. K. Lasley was for \$10,000 damages and the petition alleges that Dr. Heryford was called to treat his wife, who was then sick and enfeebled, and that the defendant unskillfully treated plaintiff's wife and caused the death of a child at birth. The petition also says that the doctor refused afterward to return and render such medical attention as her condition required.

The suit filed by Mrs. S. K. Lasley was also for \$10,000, and the petition alleges that the doctor, as a result of neglect, carelessness and unskillfulness in assisting in the birth of a child, and by the use of artificial methods and means, caused the death of the child, and that the plaintiff's health was permanently injured.

SPOKE AGAINST RUM

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. W. J. Sawyers followed Dean Colbert. He said at the beginning of his speech that if the men in all businesses would vote on the local option question in the way he knew the lawyers of the city are going to vote, this meeting would be a celebration of local option victory instead of a meeting to discuss the merits of the question. His words were greeted with applause. He declared the traffic of liquor wrong from every possible viewpoint, because it degraded men, ruined their homes and society. He regards the liquor business as an outlaw, who has no right whatever to the protection of the law. Men in whom I am interested are paying the greater part of their earnings into the drinking places of Maryville, and I want them closed to give them a chance to do something for themselves and their families. One saloon keeper in town said that the closing of the saloons at 10 o'clock at night would lose him \$5,000 per month. That is \$60,000 a year for the last two hours of the day. Turn that amount of money into legitimate channels of business in Maryville and who would profit? The homes of Maryville and our legitimate business men. How much money does this same saloon keeper take in Maryville during the other seventeen hours of the day he has been allowed to run his business? Can you estimate the amount? He has a traveling salesman that brings in an average of \$100 a day for orders. Some think the liquor business could not be stopped by local option laws. Did it ever fail where the law was enforced? Local option laws can be enforced just the same as any other statute on the law books.

The saloon men are working hard. One of their men said Saturday night that "when the brewery money comes we'll make the temperance people look like two cents."

Mr. Sawyers made a ringing speech and he said many plain things that met the approval of his hearers.

First M. E. Church.

Prof. J. A. Lesh's talk was from the standpoint of the school man. He said that we must admit that the school is partly maintained by saloon revenue, but that we should remove that awful stigma of the saloon from our schools. Prof. Lesh called attention to the fact that Maryville is a town of schools, and that we should be able to tell the fathers of the community to send their sons and daughters to Maryville, a city of culture and morality. But that we will be unable to say it honestly until the sale of liquor is abolished. Prof. Lesh brought up the statement of the "wets" that the law would not be enforced if the city should vote "dry."

"Is not every law violated, and is that a reason why we should have no laws at all?" asks Mr. Lesh.

Hon. Anderson Craig took up the statement of the "wets" that more liquor is sold in a community after it goes dry than before.

"Why then," asked Mr. Craig, "do the brewers exercise every activity to prevent the different cities from going dry?"

In his official capacity at Jefferson City Mr. Craig was in a position to see the tireless efforts that the brewery associations made to prohibit the passing of certain bills through the

legislature that were favorable to local option.

M. E. Church, South.

"Tonight is the opening gun of this particular campaign," said W. H. Crawford at the Methodist Episcopal church, South, Sunday evening. "The time has come when we must look this question squarely in the face," continued Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford said in part: "The liquor theme is of vital importance to our entire city. Tonight I want to plead for the homes of our city, and I have classed my discourse under three classes.

"First—The sale of liquor is wrong from a moral standpoint. No one has a right to sell or give away intoxicating drinks that degrade the morals of his fellow man.

"Second—The sale of liquor is wrong from the physical point of view. Liquor affects life and brain power. Not alone does it affect the drinker, but it is hereditary, even to several generations. Dealing in liquor is an outlaw.

"Third—The sale of liquor is wrong from a financial standpoint. Would we not rather pay heavier license than to allow our boys to go down the street with the temptation of an open saloon. Or leave our daughters to the mercies of the young men who frequent these places of vice. On the 5th of January I implore my hearers to step boldly forward and place their votes against the liquor traffic."

In the opening remarks of M. E. Ford he caused a ripple of laughter. Mr. Ford said:

"If I had taken time to consider it when I received an invitation to speak here this evening I should have declined. I think that the truth should be spoken in the pulpit, and it is embarrassing for a lawyer to be compelled to tell the truth."

Mr. Ford said in part: "Boys do not begin going to the saloon because they want something to drink. They acquire the habit of drink from frequenting the place where they have gone for other purposes. All habits of vice are acquired from the repetition of wrong deeds.

"It is hard for a lawyer to speak on this question, because there is only one side to it. If any one takes objection to this, just show me one man who has been benefitted by the saloon and I will say there are two sides—otherwise only one side.

"Prohibition does not prohibit entirely. Neither does the law against murder, nor the law against gambling prohibit gambling. But it lessens the evils.

"There seems to be only one argument for the saloon. The city needs the revenue. Some one will have to pay it. The people who are paying nothing possibly to the city are the ones who are paying it now through the saloons. Shall we accept it of 5m? On one day here one of our saloons received \$2,000. How much better if this amount had been spent at our grocery stores, dry goods and clothing stores, or even sent out of town to bring food and clothing to local little unfortunates.

"I give credit to the school of our country for the better condition today. People are more intelligent than they used to be, and it brings about a better condition in our homes, in society and in business."

Came From Chicago.

Mrs. Fred C. Honnold and daughters of Chicago arrived in Maryville Monday morning on a visit to Dr. Honnold's mother and sister, Mrs. M. J. Honnold and Mrs. George P. Bellows.

May Be Operated On.

Mrs. Bruce Montgomery is still dangerously ill at St. Francis hospital. It is expected that an operation will be performed on her Tuesday.

Miss Mary Younkers and Miss Adelaide Stewart of St. Joseph were guests over Sunday of Miss Stewart's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swinford.

Miss Bertha Goforth returned to her home in Bolckow Monday morning from a few days' visit with her brother, W. E. Goforth, and family, and her sister, Miss Lola Goforth.

Mrs. Anna Snyder went to St. Joseph Saturday evening to visit until after New Year's with her son, Harry D. Snyder, and family.

Miss Mary Farnan went to Arkoe Saturday evening to spend Sunday with Miss Josephine Stundon.

R. T. Wigzell and Miss Golda Land of Arkoe were among the Christmas shoppers in Maryville Saturday.

Miss Mary Stundon went to St. Joseph Saturday to visit over Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Ralph W. Eversole went to St. Joseph Monday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. C. E. Shell, living south of Maryville, spent Saturday in Maryville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Swinford.

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Calfskin pillow, with leather back, dark brown color, soft finish, leather design stitched on, very best quality, for \$7.50.

Leather library mats in odd shapes, brown and green colors. Designs are stitched on, not pasted. Priced from \$2.50 to \$6. (Center Aisle)

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21-inch kid body dolls that go to sleep, cork stuffed, natural hair and eyebrows; eyelashes. Choice of light or dark hair and brown or blue eyes. For tomorrow only, the \$1.50 grades for \$1.25. (Doll Section)

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Doll carriages with steel frames, wood trimmings, leather back and seat, rubber tires. Will fold up in a small space. The regular \$2 and \$2.25 grades for \$1.39. (Basement)

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Tonight and Every Night This Week, The Store Will Remain Open

SHOP IN THE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS WHEN POSSIBLE, IT WILL BE MUCH MORE PLEASANT.

BUSHNELL IN THE CITY.

Was in Conference With the Local Option Workers Monday.
Dr. Albert Bushnell of Kansas City, one of the prominent leaders in the Anti-Saloon League of Missouri, was in Maryville Monday in conference with the local option committee. His visit at this time, it is said, is to look over the campaign that has been made by the temperance people and to plan with them for the remainder of the campaign.

Their Sister Ill at Hospital.

Mrs. Edward Hunderdos of Newburn, Ia., and Mrs. John Feight of Milo, Ia., came to Maryville Saturday evening on account of the illness of their sister, Mrs. David Ferris, who is at St. Francis hospital and will undergo an operation.

Mrs. Harry Lett and son and daughter returned to their home in Pickering Saturday from their visit with Mrs. Lett's brother, Vern Wray, and family.

SENSATION IN MURDER TRIAL

Oklahoma Business Man Asked Negro to Perjure Himself.

DEAD CHILDREN OWNED OIL LAND

Most Noted Criminal Case Ever Tried in Oklahoma Brings Out Startling Testimony.

Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 16.—Some startling and sensational testimony was brought out here in the trial of William Irwin, a Muskogee real estate man, who, with seven other defendants, is charged with murder of the two Sells children, Castella and Herbert, killed and burned at the Mackey home at Taft last March. These children owned valuable oil lands, and the state is trying to prove that the men conspired to get their land.

James C. Johnson, a negro of Mexico City, testified that Irwin and F. L. Martin, another one of the defendants, and D. R. Allen, a negro, induced him to impersonate Castella Hardy Sells, stepfather of the Mackey children, who is now dead, and to sign deeds to the land of Sells and the three Sells children. Johnson said he signed the name of Sells after he had practiced the genuine signature. The deeds were signed before the American consul in Mexico City. For this, he swears, they agreed to give him \$5,000, but he did not get the money because Irwin was arrested shortly after the last deed was signed. The witness went into detail as to every transaction.

The state contends that the murder of the Sells children was part of the plot to rob them of their land.

W. Thornburg, a Muskogee business man, swore that Irwin had come to his office and offered him \$2,000 to go to Mexico City and identify some negro as Hardy Sells, and he spurned the offer. Thornburg knew Sells during his lifetime.

Thornburg swore that shortly after Irwin approached him the Sells children were blown up by dynamite.

This is perhaps the most noted criminal case ever tried in this part of the state, and thousands of dollars are being spent by both the state and the defense. There are a dozen attorneys on each side.

TOOK POSSESSION BY FORCE

Denver Man, Elected County Assessor Couldn't Wait on Formalities.

Denver, Dec. 16.—Harry J. Arnold, assessor of the County of Denver, who asserts that under the consolidation of the city and county he should retain that position, was ejected from his office by a band of city hall employees, policemen and detectives at an early hour.

Hiram Hiltz, a state senator, aligned politically with Mayor Robert W. Speer, took possession as assessor. Hiltz at an adjourned session of the board of supervisors two hours earlier, had been confirmed by a vote of 4 to 3 on the recommendation of the mayor.

Arnold, when he learned that the supervisors were taking action summarily to oust him, locked and barred the doors. When Hiltz appeared an iron bar was produced and a plate glass window broken and police crawled in, followed by the new assessor. Arnold refused to leave. Two detectives took him by the arm and led him out of the building, his deputies being treated likewise. Then the new regime placed a guard at the door of the office and the crowd dispersed.

Safe Blowers Frightened.

Sapulpa, Ok., Dec. 16.—An attempt was made at 2 a. m. to blow the safe of the Oklahoma State bank of this city. Four men gained entrance through a rear door of the bank and were in the act of placing the explosive when they were surprised by a night watchman. The men fled from the bank. Several shots were exchanged, but the thieves made their escape. They left their tools in the bank and enough nitroglycerine and fuse to blow ten safes. There was \$10,000 in the bank vault.

Steel Trust in Graft Fight?

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 16.—The name of the United States Steel corporation came into the trial of Walter Gibson, alderman of Gary. He is charged with having accepted a bribe to vote for a heating franchise for Thomas B. Dean, the chief witness for the state in the investigation of the big monopoly.

Both Dead of Their Burns.

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 16.—Mrs. L. C. Hemphill, who was burned so severely after trying to rescue her baby, died early in the morning at the Simmons hospital. The 7-months-old baby died a little while before the mother.

Shooting Show Girls Free.

New York, Dec. 16.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad. They had been held since last June for shooting W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor.

Molly's Christmas Dinner

by Temple Bailey

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"But you couldn't really," Molly cried, incredulously. "Yes, I can," Mrs. Phelps insisted. She had a fancy to see how this pretty creature would take the men of her set. "I can lend you a gown and a hat and wrap, and you can take Vera Patterson's place. She has just telephoned that her cold is worse and that she can't be with us for Christmas dinner."

"I'd love it," Molly's eyes were like stars. "But—"

"There are no 'buts,'" Mrs. Phelps said calmly. "If I choose to add another guest to my Christmas dinner no one can possibly criticize."

"I've never dined in any of the big hotels," Molly confessed. "Terry wanted to make me once, but I couldn't—not in my old clothes."

"I don't see why you don't have some nice gowns," Mrs. Phelps said.

She had taken a fancy to her little seamstress; the girl's youth and beauty made her different from the usual out-and-dried spinsters who work by the day.

"You could go around a lot if you had the things to wear."

Molly shook her head. "There are mother and father and Billy and Babe," she said. "I have to help out with the family expenses, and I mustn't spend everything on myself." "So you just sit at home and stagnate," Mrs. Phelps complained.

Molly laughed. "Oh, Terry takes me out now and then."

"Who is Terry?"

"Well, he's a very nice boy who likes me," Molly confessed.

"And I suppose you'll marry him and be poor the rest of your life," was Mrs. Phelps' comment. "You're very silly, Molly."

Molly began to wonder if she wasn't silly. Here was an opportunity staring her in the face. Opportunity to meet rich men, opportunity to wear beautiful clothes.

"Do you really want me to go to your dinner?" she asked, half timidly.

"Of course," Mrs. Phelps said; "and I want you to try on the gown now."

It was a wonderful gown of white chiffon with the hem heavy with silver. There was a twist of white tulle which banded Molly's red-gold hair, with a silver rose at the side. The slippers were silver, and a little loose on Molly's tiny feet.

"They can be tied on with ribbons," Mrs. Phelps decided, "and they won't show under that long skirt."

In front of the long mirror Molly saw a wonderful vision.

Mrs. Phelps brought from a box a long wrap of lace and ermine and rose-colored velvet.

"I was afraid that color wouldn't go with your hair," she said, "but it gives you distinction, after all."

On her way home, again clothed in her shabby suit, Molly told Terry about it.

"She is going to give a Christmas dinner at the Belvedere," she said, "and one of her guests has disappeared her. She wants me to take her place, and I'm going to do it, Terry."

Terry's face fell. "Then you won't have dinner with us," he said. "We'll miss you, Molly."

"Oh, but it's my opportunity," her face was glowing. "Think of the people I'll meet."

He did think of the people she would meet, as he tramped home alone in the cold twilight. Terry knew something of the world, something of the men who would be at that dinner.

Babe and Billy protested strongly when they learned that Molly, the light of the household, was to spend her Christmas evening away from them.

"It will spoil all our fun," they said. "Terry will be here," Molly told them. "Mother has planned a late dinner, because he has to work part of the day."

She felt a little conscience-stricken, however, as she left them, and not until she had donned the beautiful gown at Mrs. Phelps' could she put the thought of their tearful faces out of her mind.

It was a wonderful experience to ride through the streets in the limousine, wrapped in the rose-colored cloak, with a great bunch of valley lilies in her hand. She felt like a princess. She had the air of a princess, too, as she swept through the wide corridor of the hotel, following Mrs. Phelps.

Her pleasure was ended, however, when she met the other guests and sat down at the big round table. There was a confusing display of knives and forks and spoons, but her native wit prevented any awkwardness.

It was the men on each side of her, however, who alarmed her. Molly had never been at a loss for a word or

a gay retort until now. But the people around her lived in a world of their own. They talked of operas, of sports, of places of which Molly knew nothing. She didn't know that her pretty, blushing shyness charmed the multimillionaire at her left and piqued the curiosity of the ambassador on her right. She was uncomfortable and self-conscious as she tried to fit her stammering little phrases to this new environment.

Gradually, as she gained poise, she confessed to herself that she was having a very stupid time. It wasn't a bit like Christmas; although the color scheme of the table was green and red, there was no holly, no mistletoe, just gorgeous American beauties and wide satin ribbons. She had a vision of the table set in the shabby dining room at home. In the center would be a great bunch of holly, and above it would hang a little wax angel. At one end she saw her father, his knife cutting through the crackling brown of the turkey's breast. The delicate fare of the hotel paled in comparison to her mother's cooking. At home there would be large helpings of mashed potatoes and turnips and gravy. The cranberry sauce would be served in big dishes.

As they drove home together, Mrs. Phelps said: "You were a success, my dear. If you will let me, I'll bring you out. Perhaps you will make a grand marriage. It would be a great thing for a girl like you."

Molly's response was not enthusiastic. She did not like to appear ungrateful, but she had had a most unhappy time. She had been a stranger in a strange land.

When she had changed her dress Mrs. Phelps sent her home in her car.

Terry met her at the door. Back of him was the red light of the dining-room lamp. Babe and Billy fell on her neck and welcomed her, and father and mother smiled in the background.

Molly had gifts for all of them. The lilies went on the center of the table, and she had tied up candies and almonds in the corner of her handkerchief. "I had an awful time hiding them," she confessed, "but I knew how you'd like them."

She had a red rose for Terry.

"The multimillionaire gave it to me," she said. "Mrs. Phelps wants me to marry him."

Terry looked at her with his heart in his eyes, but he didn't say a word.



"The Multimillionaire Wants to Meet You Again."

Was Molly going to be swallowed up in that strange world, where men had millions and didn't have to work?

But Molly was demanding some of her mother's turkey.

"I hardly ate a thing at dinner," she said. "It was awful sitting up there and having people stare at me."

They brought it to her with delight, and she had to taste a little bit of everything and praise it.

When it was time for Terry to go she went with him to the front door, and they stood for a moment under the stars.

"Will you be going back to them?" Terry asked, jealously.

"Why should I?" Molly asked. "You couldn't go with me, could you, Terry?"

The next morning, when Molly went back to her sewing, Mrs. Phelps said, "The multimillionaire wants to meet you again. When shall we plan for it, Molly?"

"Never," said Molly calmly. "I am going to marry Terry, and then I won't have any time for multimillionaires, will I?"

Why We Rejoice.

In the manger at Bethlehem was cradled the hope of the world. That is why Christmas is the universal festival. That is why the world rejoices. But the manger must be interpreted largely. In the babe is the promise of the man and the Savior. It is not the birth alone that makes the gospel; it is also the life, the passion, the death, the resurrection, the ascension. Christmas carries all this in its happy content. There is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep, who leadeth His flock to green pastures and beside still waters and whose honor and good name are pledged to His leading us in ways of righteousness and paths of peace, and there is the promise of Jesus that He will be with us "all the days" even unto the end of the world. It is because of these aspects of the Christ life and because of these assurances that the world rejoices and will rejoice.

Standing of Contestants in the Raines Brothers' Automobile and Piano Contest for the week ending Dec. 14.

Coupons are issued at the rate of one vote for each cent purchased at the following places: Raines Bro.'s, Empire Theatre, G. B. Holmes & Co., Montgomery Shoe Co., T. J. Penniston, Tate Bros., Campbell & Clark Hardware Co., Price & McNeal, Mrs. W. J. Staples, W. B. Porter, Vandersloot Meat Market, Maryville Steam Laundry, and Hotchkin Variety Store.

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Extra—Special Notice—Extra

No. 85 won the special prize of a 42 piece dinner set last week. We will be so busy this week that it will be impossible for us to get a standing in the paper. There will be no count until Thursday, Dec. 28th. At that time we will give to the two persons bringing in the largest number of votes, a 42 piece dinner set, each. No contestant will be allowed to get more than one of these prizes.

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One inch cards in this column for \$1.50 per month. No card taken for less than one month at this rate.

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Religious Fanatic Charged With Death of Six Followers.

TEN-HOUR SESSION AT TEMPLE

"Elijah II" Predicts War, Famine and Pestilence if He is Convicted—Refuses to Employ Counsel.

Durham, Me., Dec. 18.—For ten hours Rev. Frank W. Sandford, the leader of the Holy Ghost and U.S. society, who is to appear in the United States district court at Portland for sentence on a charge of having been responsible for the death of six of his followers, stood in the pulpit at Shiloh, talking, preaching and praying. Of the 600 odd men, women and children who made up this strange religious colony, hardly one was absent from the services.

Many of those present stayed through the long ten-hour service without any dinner or supper and not once did Sandford or his elders leave the platform.

In the course of his remarks Sandford predicted war, famine and pestilence.

A solemn benediction invoked by the leader upon the kneeling congregation brought the meeting to a close.

But for adverse winds Sandford might yet be engaged in the evangelization voyage on which he embarked on the yacht Coronet, with a handful of the faithful, 17 months ago, praying for the conversion of inhabitants in far countries. He was driven into port on a sinking ship, to face arrest on the charge of failing to provide proper food for his followers, and so causing the death of six of them by scurvy.

When called before the bar of justice, "Elijah II," as he is known among the Shilohites, refused to employ counsel, and his only defense was that he had done but the bidding of his "Lord and Master."

Sixty years in a federal prison or a fine of \$50,000, or both, is the maximum penalty that he may be called upon to pay.

Released on bail after conviction, Sandford returned to Shiloh to prepare for a term of imprisonment. If the court should so decree, declaring that the work which he has started will go on as before. Sorrow at the expected parting from his wife and five children is all that seems to have the power to shake the leader from his calm.

The life story of the man who entered upon the work of evangelizing the world single-handed without money or hope of recompense is remarkable.

The movement gained such strength that headquarters of the cult were established here at a cost of \$100,000 for the buildings. The students now number 600 at the "University of Truth," on the "hill top" and sailing vessels have been chartered in which many of the sect have made voyages of evangelization in the "Seven Seas."

PLENTY OF LIQUOR IN DRY TOWN

Drunkenness Common Sight in Cameron—Preacher Claims to Know Source of Supply.

Cameron, Mo., Dec. 18.—John Kadan, Jesse Shears and "Babe" Smith, three men of this town were arrested on the streets for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Cameron is a dry town but intoxicated men have been a common sight for the last two weeks. The temperance people are indignant. The Rev. Dr. English, Methodist, said in his sermon last week 12 barrels of beer were unloaded at the Rock Island depot and that they are now being disposed of not a block from the Methodist church. He asserted he knew the guilty person and that something was going to be done to remedy the situation. Another local option election is due here next spring.

Echo of the Gow Case.

Montgomery, Mo., Dec. 18.—The trial of Dr. W. A. Hemphill, who is charged with performing the illegal operation resulting in the death of Miss Elizabeth Gleson, a Lincoln county school teacher, at the request of the Rev. Clyde Gow, who is serving a 4-year term in the penitentiary, has been set for trial at the coming term of circuit court at Troy, beginning January 1.

Shot Watching a Fight.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 18.—In a pistol fight between a negro porter and Dollie Huitt, a white woman, at a hotel here, Harry Fox, a roomer, who looked out of his door to discover the cause of the trouble, was shot in the left arm. Miss Huitt asserts the negro insulted her. Both fired three shots, neither proving goodmarks men. Fox's injury is slight.

Police Take Long Hatpins.

Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The police were ordered to confiscate all hatpins that protruded through the headgear of women pedestrians, and persistent violators of the law are being taken before magistrates and fined.

MAC VEIGH LIKES NEW PLAN

SECRETARY DISCUSSES THE PROPOSED BANKING SYSTEM.

Thinks New Currency Measure Will Provide Practical Immunity From Panics.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, in his annual report made public today, devotes considerable space to the prospects for a reform of the banking and currency system, and congratulates the country of the probability that congress will promptly adopt legislation based on the report of the monetary commission. Of this report he says:

"We must provide, too, and without reservation, for a perfect equality of privilege and opportunity between national and state banks. And it is indispensable that the new law shall deny with great precision to any bank included within its provisions, whether national or state, the right to own stock in any other independent bank. The law should not fail to conclusively forbid such ownership."

"The tentative plan of the commission, in its main features, has satisfied very much the larger part of the expert opinion of the nation; and it has generally the support of our business men. This has been made possible by the early and continuous action of the monetary commission in giving the widest scope to its investigations, and by calling into its work everybody it was able to reach who had experience or knowledge that could be useful to it. While this report is due to the monetary commission, it is also a product of the judgment of the people, so far, at least, as its fundamental features are concerned. The fact confronts us, that whereas our country has not before in many years even approached a consensus of opinion on monetary matters it has now largely and mainly agreed. And congress is meeting a situation immensely simplified. The persistent difficulties of monetary reform have almost entirely disappeared; and legislation traditionally complex and laborious presents itself with its chief problems so clearly solved, with its complexity so smoothed out and with its provisions so generally approved that the final work of the congress can now go forward without delay."

"The common indorsement of the reform and of its urgency marks in a peculiar manner the nonpartisan character of the present movement. There is no bit of party color left in the monetary question. The instinct of the nation has eradicated partisanship from this great business and social question."

"So far as the administration is concerned, it has heartily taken its cue from congress; and has done, and will continue to do, its part in keeping this great issue wholly nonpartisan. The administration wants this legislation to come from the whole of congress and from both parties; and to be for the whole of the people."

"The principal requirements of a new banking and currency measure are that it shall provide a practical immunity from serious panics—such an immunity as is enjoyed by the other leading financial nations; that it shall abolish the habitually recurrent ordinary stringencies in the money market, which keep relations between the bankers and the business men of the country almost continuously at sixes and sevens; that it shall remove the defects of our domestic exchange; that it shall enlarge and develop the facilities of our foreign exchange system; that it shall properly develop the discount market; that it shall wholesomely assist in regulating the interest rates and making them uniform throughout the country; that it

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MAY MODIFY RESOLUTION

Attitude of Russia's Ambassador Calls for Quick Action.

"STINGER" MAY BE EXTRACTED

Members of Cabinet Summoned to White House—Taft Urges Modification of Language Toward Czar's Government.

Washington, Dec. 18.—That ambassador Bakhmeteff of Russia will ask for his passports and leave America at once should the senate pass the Sulzer resolution is the belief here. He would either do that or leave Washington "unofficially," an under secretary remaining in charge of the Russian legation.

Some senators go so far as to say that the Sulzer resolution containing various recitals said to be objectionable to the St. Petersburg government would be adopted without amendment, but the consensus of opinion is that the senate will strip the resolution of everything except a declaration of abrogation. The point upon which all seem to agree is that the senate will act promptly, regardless of any protests that might be made and regardless of the negotiations that have been in progress between Washington and the Russian capital.

News of the Russian stand has created a decided sensation. The senate was not in session, but there were a number of hurriedly called conferences at which the situation was fully discussed.

The first stir over the announcement that Russia had become aroused over the proposed action of the American congress in cutting off all commercial and treaty relations with that country and that international complications might ensue soon was followed by another thrill when six members of the cabinet were summoned to the White house late in the afternoon.

Throughout the day an effort was made in official quarters to minimize the importance of the Russian ambassador's action.

"Russia has made no formal protest against the abrogation of the treaty, or against the Sulzer resolution," Secretary Knox said.

President Taft sent for several of the senate leaders and placed the matter before them. He is said to have urged that the resolution of abrogation be modified. The President, it was said, had not given up hope that the negotiations undertaken some time ago with the St. Petersburg government would meet with success. The demand for immediate action by congress had become so insistent, however, that he would not attempt to check it.

Senators and members of the house, apprised of what many of them characterized as a veiled threat by Russia to cut off all friendly relations with the United States, discussed the matter freely.

President Taft, it is said, has indicated that he will veto the Sulzer resolution if it should be forced through the senate without material modification. Nothing that can be construed as an offense to Russia will be permitted if the President can help it.

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MEXICO

Thirty-Six Persons Killed in Colima Province Alone—Disturbance Covers Entire Country.

The City of Mexico, Dec. 18.—Mexico was rocked from ocean to ocean and from Guanajuato on the north and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec on the south by an earthquake.

At least 36 persons were killed in Colima province, and 13 persons were reported dead from falling walls in Cuernavaca, eight in Guayamas, and 13 in Jalapa. The shocks came shortly after noon and were preceded and succeeded by eruptions from several craters believed to be extinct.

The quake caused a small panic here. Hundreds of persons rushed to the Zocalo, where they ran aimlessly about or fell on their knees in prayer.

Telegraph and telephone wires were snapped and for a time the city was without light and electric power on account of the breaking of cables, but aside from the throwing down of a few adobe walls, no serious damage was done.

The first shock was felt at 12:40 and continued for a few seconds more than two minutes. The instruments registered an oscillatory movement from southwest to northeast.

Killed a Would-Be Murderer.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A plot to murder Edward Henry, superintendent for a St. Louis construction firm, resulted in the death of George Libonio, an Italian laborer. He attempted to kill Henry, but was killed by fellow workmen. Henry is in charge of the erection of a large office building.

Trunks Full of Liquor.

Independence, Kan., Dec. 18.—After watching two trucks suspected of containing liquor until they were satisfied the owners became suspicious and had no intention of applying for them, the police confiscated the trunks and broke them open. They were filled with whisky and other liquors.

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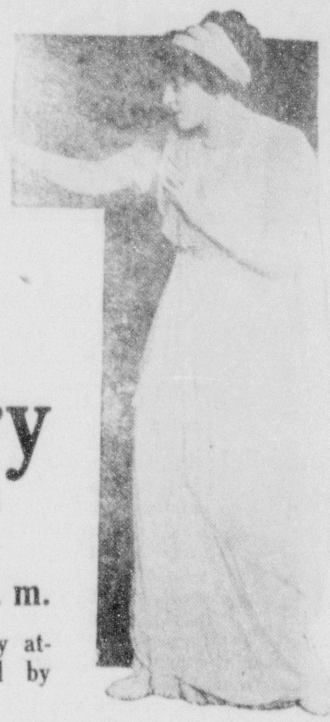
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At the Old Home

by Lawrence T. Berliner.

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STEARNS, the man of affairs, was a far different individual as a winter's evening found him deep in thought. A man of but little sentiment, was the way the world adjudged the financier. Yet there were whisperings of a youthful romance and early departure from home. No one ever dared broach the subject and it had long since been forgotten.

As Charles Stearns gazed into the fire in the library of his home, the flickering light seemed to recall days of the past. In fancy he saw again his boyhood home, his parents and acquaintances. How little they had been to him for so long a time!

Quarterly stipends he had supplied to the old folks, yet he had never heeded the call they sent out for their only son.

As the man sat musing, he spoke aloud:

"I believe I am getting sentimental. I think I shall surprise the old folks and pay them a visit for Christmas."

A thought meant an act with Stearns. His mind once made up, it took much to change it. His decision to return to the farm for the holiday gave him pleasure. He could hardly await the time when he was to start.

He bought presents for the old folks. He remembered his father's delight in watches. One of the finest to be had went into the satchel for him. The silk for a new dress made up a portion of what he planned for his mother.

It was a long journey to the old homestead. The train sped onward and each moment made the man more anxious to see his people and the old place again. But suddenly a thought occurred to him and his face blanched. He had forgotten! Stella Harrington might still be there.

All the memories of the past were swept aside and he thought only of her.

Once she had promised to make him happy. As he thought of that time, he sighed deeply. She had altered his life when she changed her mind at the last and threw him over.

He recalled the jeers of his boyhood companions as they sneered their rough witticisms at him. It was the way of the country and he could not stand the finger of scorn and had fled. That was in the long ago and he had almost forgotten—until now.

As the train stopped at the little station on the hill it seemed as if he had left it only yesterday.

But no—where was George White, the old agent? A young man filled his place. The driver of the stage was another stranger. Old Eb Brown was also a thing of the past.

None knew the portly middle-aged man as he strode towards the coach that plied between station and town. There was a moment's pause, while the driver gathered the mail, as old Eb had done so many times, and they were off.

As the rig rattled over the rough roads the man within watched with interest the scenes of his youth. The town had changed little in the years that had passed.

When the coach paused at the old homestead the man's eyes filled with tears. A woman came from the house; mother and son were in each other's arms.

On the porch stood his father to welcome the man home. With misty eyes the united family stood. All hearts were full. The parents' hopes had been realized and the prodigal had come home.

"How could I have remained away so long?" he asked again and again as the old folks bustled about, trying to make him comfortable.

"And, Charlie, you are now a banker they tell us," said his mother. "You, who left us so long ago, are the image of your father at your age."

"My boy," spoke the father, "it has been a long time since you went away, but we are mighty glad to have you back again."

The son's heart was too full for words. There was one question he would like to ask but the words refused to come.

"Charlie," questioned his mother, "have you ever seen Stella since the day you went away? I know I ought not to speak of this, but I must."

"Mother!" All a boy's anguish came forth in that word. As of yore he buried his face in the parent's lap and sobbed.

She stroked his now thinning locks and the touch was magical. Why had he lost his parents for so many years? His joy was too much, too good, to last.

"I have never seen her," he said at last; "never since the day she promised to be my wife and then as quickly refused to marry me."

"My poor boy, do you remember Steve Briggs?—the one that wore the fine clothes? He had much to do with Stella's refusal to keep her promise."

"She never told me just what he said, but it was enough to make her throw you over. You would never come back and she was too proud to write."

"Where is Stella now, mother?" asked the man.

"She lives in the old place by the creek, Charlie, you remember it—with all the apple trees behind the house?"

Well did the man remember the orchard where he had spent the autumn evening with his sweetheart.

That evening found Stearns walking toward the creek. "I wonder how the old place looks," he thought.

There was the old-fashioned house, the porch with the long steps. Everything was as if the old days were still there.

A figure moved about in the parlor. He knew well where the parlor was. He heard the organ. It was Stella's favorite air. He paused and his eyes filled with tears as he heard that voice again.

Slowly he ascended the steps and pulled the bell. The playing stopped and he heard footsteps. The door opened and the light of the hall streamed upon his face.

It was evident that the woman failed to recognize him, for she looked askance as he spoke.

"Is this Stella Harrington?" he began, but the sound of his voice made her start.

"Charles Stearns, have you come back?" she gasped, and followed him into the room.

"So, Stella, you are keeping house alone now! You—you have not changed very much, either," he said earnestly.

He saw that her once golden tresses were streaked with gray, yet much of the youthful beauty remained and he found his heart quickening as he gazed at the woman.

"And you are the great banker they would have us believe—little Charlie Stearns, who used to be my tease at school?"

Neither had touched on the subject which seemed to be in the minds of both. At last the man could remain silent no longer.

"Stella, my mother has just told me why you changed your mind so many years ago. Why did you not tell me then?" he asked.

"Because I was too proud. When I found that he had lied, it was too late."



"Charles Stearns, Have You Come Back?"

You had left home and no one knew where. I thought if you had really cared you would have come back," said Stella.

"And I have come back, my girl. Just what brought me here this Christmas I cannot realize, but I know I am glad to be back."

"And your parents—how happy they must be to have you with them again," she said. "Now, they can enjoy Christmas in the old way—just you three together."

"Stella, you are all alone. Won't you come to our house for dinner tomorrow? Let us celebrate in a modern way, and it will make the old folks so happy."

"Only the old folks?" she began, but the big man silenced her as he grasped her hands and said:

"Stella, I ask you what you refused me so many years ago. Will you be my wife? You are alone in the world and I want you."

"Charles, it is not out of pity you ask me this?" she questioned.

"No, dear girl, it is because my heart has been hungry for something all these years, and I did not realize until now that it was you I needed."

It was indeed a modern Christmas celebration at the old home. The parents turned away as they saw the younger pair under the mistletoe, so aptly hung by the thoughtful mother.

Yuletide in Australia.

In striking contrast to our own is the Christmas Day kept by our kinsfolk in Australasia. No snow or blazing log; no holly or mistletoe; only a bright sky, green trees, parched grass, and a blazing sun. Christmas is so inseparably associated by us with a cosy seat in front of a roaring fire that we can hardly realize eating our Christmas dinner on a veranda beneath a brilliantly blue sky, with every flowering plant in full bloom. But, "down yonder," picnics and garden parties are the order of the day. Many a delightful excursion into the country is arranged by the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and other townspeople, and Christmas Day is kept right merrily, far into the summer night.

Santa Claus' Treasure Box

By J. F. HENDERSON



CHRISTMAS was at hand, and Philip Draper's heart was heavy. For a number of years he had seemed to be the particular pet of misfortune. As an artist his work displayed the magic touch of genius, and he was in a fair way to achieve fame and worldly success when the first of a series of calamities befell him. Soon after Philip's marriage to pretty Lucille Girard, his father failed in business and died within a month thereafter, leaving nothing but a mass of debts as a legacy to his son.

Philip, who had just been taken into partnership with his father, and whose outlook on the future was tinged with the color of the rose, was crushed by this blow; but with a quixotic sense of duty he set himself the tremendous task of paying off the debts of the firm. To accomplish this he had nothing to depend upon but the sale of his pictures; yet, year in and year out, he toiled on stubbornly and uncompromisingly, while he and Lucille and



their little boy were deprived of many of the comforts of life that the bulk of his earnings might go to his creditors. The house in which they lived was a roomy old mansion on the outskirts of the city, left to Philip by a maiden aunt, who had passed away since the death of his father, and which Lucille had persuaded him not to sell. This house, by the way, had originally belonged to an eccentric old sea captain, Jeremiah Suggs by name, who was reputed to be something of a miser, and who lived and died a recluse.

The crowning calamity came to Philip Draper when the debt was all but cleared off. It was then he was overtaken by a wasting illness, which kept him confined to his bed for almost a year, and leaving him destitute. The butcher and the baker threatened to deny him further credit, and his home was heavily mortgaged. The outlook was gloomy.

"And tomorrow is Christmas," he remarked to his wife, with a grim smile. "Never mind, dear; let us hold fast to our courage," said Mrs. Draper, trying to speak cheerfully, though there was an ominous quaver in her voice.

"What hurts me most is the thought that Christmas is so close at hand and that there will be no Santa Claus for Bobby."

"Poor, little dear!" said Mrs. Draper. Suddenly she started up with an anxious glance about the room. "I wonder where that child can be? I haven't seen him for at least two hours."

"Oh, don't be alarmed. I dare say he is rummaging about in the cellar or attic or some out-of-the-way closet, and is wholly absorbed in his investigations."

Mr. Draper had hardly finished speaking when Bobby popped into the room, held out a grimy little fist.



and, as he opened the chubby fingers, revealed a twenty-dollar gold piece lying on his upturned palm.

"Money!" gasped Philip. He snatched the coin and examined it critically.

"Where did you get this? What does it mean?"

"I found it in the attic!" explained Bobby. "There are lots more there. Come on, I'll show you where."

The next moment the father and mother, each grasping a hand of the frightened youngster, were hastening up the stairs. When they reached the attic the whole astounding truth was laid bare to them. Bobby had been rummaging, as usual. Finding a loose brick in the crumbling masonry of the big chimney, he had pulled it out and made a startling discovery.

"I wanted to find out how Santa Claus comes down the chimney," said the boy, regretfully. "I didn't mean to do any harm."

An exclamation from his father interrupted him. Philip, tearing away the bricks to enlarge the opening, had thrust his arm into the cavity and drawn forth two small boxes, accompanied by a shower of yellow coins. Among them was a scrap of paper on which was written:

"I have no heirs, no kith nor kin. This property goes to the finder, and may he enjoy it. It consists of \$30,000 in gold and government bonds, and twice that amount in gems."

"JEREMIAH SUGGS."

Bobby was the hero of the hour, and the rejoicing that followed may better be imagined than described. Was it a merry Christmas for the Drapers? Ask Bobby, who firmly believes he found Santa Claus' treasure box.

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